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TEN CENTS A WEEK

FLAGLER IS AMONG TEN GREATEST AMERICANS

Now Living, Is Opinion of Writer in Leslie's Weekly. His Great Work in Florida.

The recent purchase of J. P. Morgan & Co., the eminent banking firm, of \$10,000,000 first-mortgage bonds of the Florida East Coast Railway Company marked the first issue of bonds by this railroad company ever offered to the public, and the appearance of the first dollar of outside investment in an enterprise as remarkable as any ever undertaken by a single individual in the history of railway construction. A few months ago The New York Herald propounded to its readers the question, "Who are the ten greatest living Americans?" The replies were numerous and interesting—numerous because an answer can be readily given by the average reader without prolonging consideration or trouble

some research; and interesting because, among other things, of the contrariety of the opinions expressed, since beyond one or two notable names, scarcely any two of the responses agreed as to the persons entitled to the designated honor. In the nature of the case no criterion or standard for "greatness" can be prescribed. While eminently proper that those should be considered who have distinguished themselves in the various professions, in scholarship, or for conspicuous attainment in science, art or letters, the public benefactor (under whatever standard may be employed) would seem to deserve equal consideration with them—"that person being a benefactor of the race," as Dean Swift declared, "who causes

Georgia Solons Red Hot After Vendors of Near-Beer

ATLANTA, Ga., July 31.—The first bill to pass the House of Representatives in the fight on what is known as "near-beer" went through yesterday afternoon by the comfortable margin of 86 to 78. It raises the tax upon the imitation of the amber fluid, which the wise legislators know is not imitation, from \$500 a year to \$1,000 for manufacturers and from \$200 a year to \$500 for retailers. Each dealer must also give a \$5,000 bond to obey the law. Housewives who make wine for household and medicinal purposes are exempt from the act.

Alexander of DeKalb, the prohibition leader, startled the House by dramatically waving two bottles of a famous brand of Milwaukee's favorite beverage and exclaiming: "I sent a man to get a St. Louis brand and he went to the most respectable place in this city. The proprietor said he could not let the St.

Louis beer leave the premises, but he did give my agent this stuff which you all know is not near-beer but is the real stuff. And we cannot stop the sale under the court's decision that a drink to be intoxicating must contain 4 per cent of alcohol. But we can tax them and if this measure be killed it will die in the house of its friends."

Alexander made a strong appeal to the friends of temperance to rally to the cause and he won on the vote. There was no effort made to filibuster. The bill will have to pass the Senate before it becomes a law. It is not thought that the Governor will veto it despite his pledge not to sign any liquor legislation this session, because this measure is only a clause in the general tax bill which must be vetoed or approved as a whole.

The real fight on near-beer will come later, if the dregs can get their stringent anti-alcoholic bill out of committee.

Sea Island Cotton Market Quiet and Firm Past Week

SAVANNAH, Ga., July 31.—The Sea Island cotton market was quiet but firm during the past week, with prices unchanged from the week before. The demand is limited, owing to the lack of offerings.

Crop accounts continue favorable, although there has been a continuation of excessive rains. So far there have been no serious complaints, but it is anticipated that more or less damage will develop later.

Sales for the week were 413 bales. The following prices were based on factors' quotations and are revised weekly on Fridays:

Fancy Floridas	22	@ 22½
Fancy Georgias	22	@ 22½
Extra choice Floridas	20	@ 21
Extra choice Georgias	20	@ 21
Choice Ga's. and Fla's.	18	@ 19
Ex. fine Ga's. and Fla's.	15	@ 16
Fine Ga's. and Fla's.	13	@ 14
Com. Ga's. and Fla's.	11	@ 12

Col. Sidney C. Tapp Dying From Operation in Denver

ATLANTA, Ga., July 31.—Report reached here from Denver, Col., that Sidney C. Tapp, well-known Atlantian Liberal party candidate for President in 1908, is dying there as the result of an operation for appendicitis.

would be successful, but in the last day or two Mr. Tapp has been rapidly sinking and it is stated there is scarcely any hope for his recovery.

Isn't there something which only a

SUNDAY CLOSING LAW TAKES EFFECT TODAY

NO COOL DRINKS OR CIGARS TO BE HAD AT THE STANDS.

Will Be the Tightest Sunday Ever Experienced Here, if Law Is Rigidly Enforced.

Today will experience another "Blue Sunday" for Gainesville, for all smokers who have failed to provide themselves will be cut off from purchasing the weed.

Under the last stringent Sunday law passed by the city council all places are compelled to close, except restaurants and hotels, and drug stores are limited from 8:30 to 10:30 a. m., and also two hours in the afternoon. You can purchase nothing but medicines from the druggists, however, neither can you purchase anything except something to eat from the hotels and restaurants.

The former law was shaped in a manner that hotels could supply their patrons with cigars, also the restaurants could sell cool drinks and cigars, but this has been eliminated in the present law, and it now means that you get nothing except something to eat.

It is more than probable that some of the dealers will make a test case of the law as it now stands.

two blades of grass to grow where but one grew before."

Therefore, in a comparatively new country like ours, where general prosperity so largely depends upon the development of our national resources and the creation of adequate facilities for their transportation, it would seem obvious that that person is a benefactor of the race whose genius conceives, and whose indomitable courage carries forward to completion, some great and difficult commercial undertaking by which mankind derives a distinct and lasting benefit.

By reason of the magnitude of his achievement in providing a great quasi-public utility, at enormous cost and solely as an individual, without local or Governmental aid, one involving the solution of untold engineering difficulties, and prosecuted through a period of financial disturbance and industrial paralysis unprecedented in our history, Henry M. Flagler unquestionably stands foremost among living Americans in this field of human endeavor. Only an outline of his undertakings can be given within the compass of such an article. This is to be regretted, for, although his railroad has been under continuous construction for a score of years (no less than five thousand men being at times employed thereon) the work has nevertheless been so quietly and unostentatiously carried on that even now the public has no just conception of its nature, magnitude, or importance. Comprehension of the stupendous engineering difficulties involved in much of the work has up to this time been confined to professional engineering and scientific bodies, who have closely watched its progress from the beginning, some of whom have been more or less skeptical as to the outcome.

Having a decided aversion to public notoriety, Mr. Flagler has not employed himself in proclaiming his plans and purposes from the housetops, or in other spectacular advertising. He has been willing, without envy, that others should stand in the limelight. Beginning with the bridging of the St. Johns river at Jacksonville, he has proceeded step by step to construct, equip, and put in operation a railroad six hundred miles long, traversing the entire East Coast of Florida to its southernmost extremity, penetrating for much of the distance a wild, uninhabited, and inaccessible region. It renders Northern markets

'QUAKE RENDS MEXICO FROM OCEAN TO OCEAN

Earth Shocks Raze Towns and Spread Death and Ruin Over Miles of Peopled Land.

MEXICO CITY, July 31.—With Chilpancingo destroyed and Acapulco partly razed and the loss of life problematical, Central Mexico from the Atlantic to the Pacific and from Queretaro on the north to Oaxaca on the south, an area of more than 1,000 square miles, was shaken at an early hour yesterday by a series of the most severe earth shocks felt in the region for the last quarter of a century. The quake was severe in Mexico City.

Reports telling of the loss of life are meagre, but the official figures thus far given show 14 killed and more than a score mortally injured.

While word came from G. Poyros, an American commercial traveler at Chilpancingo, Guerrero, that that city was destroyed and the inhabitants are living in the open, suffering from the elements, the loss of life is not definitely known. The shocks continued at Chilpancingo last night with

subterranean rumblings and flashes of lightning, rain and hail.

Six Dead in Mexico City.

Acapulco, Guerrero, was partly razed, but the extent of the damage is not known, as communication with that part of the republic is not well established.

According to observatory records, the first shock was at 4:15 this morning, the oscillations being from east to southwest. It was severe, causing the bells of many cathedrals in Mexico City to toll, breaking crockery and in some instances leveling wells.

The inhabitants of the capital had hardly recovered from the fright of the quake when a second and more severe shock caused an outpouring of nearly all the residents to the streets and open places.

This movement was of a twisting character, and lasted with severity for 90 seconds. Tall buildings swayed, and in some instances crack-

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Streets of Barcelona Ran Deep With Blood

PARIS, July 31.—The Madrid correspondent of The Figaro had an interesting interview with the Spanish Minister of the Interior today, in which the Minister said: "The insurrection at Barcelona was of terrible gravity. I don't know if, since the commune, there has been anything so terrible. The battle in the streets, with cannon, the pilage of convents, the explosion of dynamite, and the destruction of the railroad, nothing was missing."

Barcelona Is Cowed.

MADRID, July 31.—Official dis-

patches from Barcelona say the 5,000 troops in Barcelona have improved conditions in the city. Complete restoration of order is expected when further reinforcements arrive there.

Order is Restored.

PER-PIGNAN, France, July 31.—The Captain-General of Barcelona sent an official telegram to Governor General of Gerona, saying that order has been completely re-established at Barcelona, and that there are many prisoners.

The Sun office for calling cards.

Georgia Senate Votes to Remove McLendon

ATLANTA, July 31.—The Georgia Senate yesterday voted to remove from office Chairman McLendon of the State Railroad Commission, the vote being 23 to 18. McLendon was recently suspended by former Governor Smith on charges of being too lenient with the railroads, in violation of campaign pledges. The House has yet to act on the removal. Yesterday's action by the Senate

was based on a joint legislative investigation into former Governor Smith's charges. The investigation disclosed that McLendon, while commissioner, had sold Athens, Ga., street railway bonds, making a profit therefrom. McLendon claimed this was not unlawful.

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Mexico May Prove Its Claim to El Paso, Texas

MEXICO CITY, July 31.—At the Mexico State department last night it was said that an old map had been discovered which showed that the present site of the city of El Paso was on Mexican soil. Senior Beltran Y. Puga is now in Washington conferring with Anson Mills, a member of

the Senate, over the matter. Minister of Foreign Affairs Mariscal says that the Mexican claims are based on apparently a solid basis. The matter has been pending for some time and will be settled during the present year. The settlement will be an amicable one, whichever way the decision goes, according to the Mexican State depart-