

FIRE DOES \$50,000 DAMAGE AT DIXIELAND PARK

MANY BUILDINGS OF PLEASURE RESORT DESTROYED.

Fire Fighters from Jacksonville Did Good Work in Saving Several Buildings.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Aug. 24.—

Flames of unknown origin, fanned by a stiff east wind, swept through the grounds of Dixieland Park on the south side of the St. Johns river this morning, destroying buildings valued at between \$50,000 and \$60,000. The loss is a total one, investigation showing that there was no insurance on the structures built entirely of wood. Volunteer fire-fighters, together with the steamer from the central fire station in Jacksonville, and a squad of firemen, headed by Chief Haney, saved the pleasure park from total destruction. Dixie Theatre, the skating rink, Bentley's restaurant and other smaller buildings were not damaged.

The fire started in the grounds of the Florida Midwinter Fair, just across the roadway leading from the ferry slip to South Jacksonville, and were first noted in the building originally constructed for Roltair's flying automobile, and occupied during the last fair by Mundy's Trained Animals. This building was unoccupied, and the fire might have started there from a lighted cigar or cigarette stub cast aside carelessly, probably by some tramp who used the building as sleeping quarters. From this building the flames spread to the Boosters' Club, next adjoining to the south, and then, fanned by the strong wind, crossed the roadway and carried destruction before it to the west, burning a path several hundred feet wide through the park.

Buildings Burned.

The buildings destroyed were Flying Automobile building; loss, about \$5,000.

Boosters' Club; loss, about \$4,000.

Two small buildings used by concessionaries at last exposition and located just south of the Boosters' Club; loss, \$2,000.

These buildings are all located on the grounds of the exposition, or Midwinter Fair. The force of the wind and the work of the fire fighters prevented the flames from communicating to the exposition building proper, which is located only a few yards southwest of the Booster Club location.

In Dixieland Park the following buildings were destroyed:

The Carousal; loss, \$15,000.

The Plunge (swimming pool, built originally for Bostock's Animal Show); loss, \$15,000.

Exhibition stage in center of park; loss, \$1,000.

Bowling alleys; loss, \$2,000.

These buildings are located on the east side of the park, where also the figure eight roller coaster was slightly damaged by the flames.

On the west side of the park, where the flames were carried by the wind, although they jumped an open space of a hundred feet or more, only two or three small unoccupied buildings, Japanese concessions, and the shooting gallery were destroyed, with a loss of probably \$4,000.

The flames were stopped within the confines of the park on the west side.

Damage to other buildings, to the fences and board walks, together with the destruction of trees, shrubbery and flower beds, will bring the total figures up to between \$50,000 and \$60,000.

It is not thought that the park will be rebuilt. The officers of the company, owing to the financial troubles of the concern, are not in a position to make any announcement just at present as to the future of the park.

A deal has been closed for 15,000 acres of Columbia county's choice soil lying outside of the city limits of Lake City, and before the middle of December this immense tract of land is expected to be populated by at least 10,000 people. The land has been purchased by E. Z. Jones, the hustling real estate man of Lakeland, who is representing a wealthy syndicate of capitalists in Illinois. This is decidedly the largest land deal ever to be pulled off in Columbia county and will no doubt mean new life to the business interests of Lake City.

AGONY OF ECZEMA BEYOND WORDS

Whole Body a Mass of Raw, Tormenting Humor—Hair All Fell Out and Ears Seemed Ready to Drop Off—Clothing Would Stick to Bleeding Flesh—Hoped Death Would End Fearful Suffering.

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A SERIOUS CUTTING AFFRAY AT NEWBERRY**TWO NEGROES INVOLVED IN DIFFICULTY SATURDAY NIGHT.**

Jim Davis, the Wounded Negro, Is in Serious Condition, and Wards worth Ordered Held.

From Wednesday's Daily Sun:

As a result of a serious cutting affray at Newberry on Saturday night Jerry Wadsworth, one of those "bad" negroes, is now confined in the county jail to await the injuries of the man he slashed.

Wadsworth visited the home of one Jim Davis, and it was while he was Davis' guest that he became engaged in the difficulty and at once pulled his knife and went after his host, cutting him so bad that he is in a critical condition and may die from the wounds.

The negro was caught during Saturday night but held at Newberry in the hopes that the other negro would be enabled to attend court and appear against him, but on Tuesday it was seen that he would be unable to come out for some time, if at all, and Wadsworth was ordered brought here and confined in jail by Justice Carter to await the injuries of the wounded man.

Both negroes are well-known characters of Newberry.

JONESVILLE JOTTINGS.

JONESVILLE, Aug. 25.—Miss Irene Miller left last week for Crystal River, where she has accepted a position as saleslady for Mrs. Roellert.

Miss Clem Pickett has returned from an extended visit at Greenville.

Miss Lizzie Hamilton spent Monday night with her friend, Miss Stella Miller.

R. P. Miller and W. W. Spires are at Shell Pond cow hunting this week.

On Thursday night, Sept. 2nd, we will have an ice cream supper at the Jonesville school house. The money will go towards buying an organ for our new church.

Mrs. Cordie Parkerson and children from Elizley are visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Spires.

PALATKA HAS SENSATIONAL SHOOTING

WELL-KNOWN GEM CITY CITIZEN WOUNDED BY PRETTY GIRL.

H. Finley Tucker, a Real Estate Agent Was Victim of the Wrath of Miss Ha Bond.

PALATKA, Aug. 25.—On Monday evening, about 7 o'clock, the summer stillness was broken by the rapid firing of shots. Upon investigation Mr. H. Finley Tucker was found lying in a pool of blood, which was caused by one of five shots fired at him.

The shooting was done by Miss Ha Bond, who has been admired by Mr. Tucker for about five years, the having been the best of friends, and thought to be engaged.

Miss Bond, who lives on Fifth street, told her sister that she was going to take a small package to the washerwoman, and went around to Mr. Tucker's home on River street and called him out and told him to come and go with her to the washerwoman, which he gladly consented to do, he fearing nothing, nor ever having cause to, for they were almost always together.

They started from his home and had gone about six blocks, and when they had just passed the corner of Laurel and Seventh streets, just beneath a large oak tree which stood by an old vacant lot, she dropped the "laundry" package, and when he stopped to pick it up, she fired at him with a 32-calibre revolver, the first ball grazing his temple and making a terrible wound about 1½ inches above the left corner of his left eye. This first shot felled him to the ground, as he was already stooping over. He cried, "murder!" but she emptied the four remaining chambers of the smoking revolver at his almost prostrate form, he being wounded and not able to resist or even to get up.

He rolled over and over, she failing to make good her aim. As soon as she had, or rather thought she had, done her work, she deliberately walked away, around the corner, and went home, not waiting to see if she had accomplished that which she had premeditated, as she had borrowed the revolver from a friend of her sister the evening before.

The young man was carried to Drs. Welch and Johnson's office, where the wound was dressed, it being found out that the bullet had made a glancing blow, for if it had been a little bit further up, it would have entered his skull, which would have proved fatal. Four bullet holes were in the front of his coat. There was known to be no misunderstanding between the young people, only that he had not been to call for a few days past.

Miss Bond was born and reared here. She is a violinist of marked ability, having graduated in music from Wesleyan Female College about seven years ago. Mr. Tucker is a young man of much business ability in the real estate and insurance business, of which he is making much success.

At this writing he is gradually improving, which fact will be of much pleasure to his host of friends.

Up to this time no arrest has been made. It is thought that if the matter is not taken up here at home that the Governor will very likely take up the matter, and will make a thorough investigation.

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WELLMAN FAILS IN HIS VOYAGE TO NORTH P

After Smooth Sailing For An Hour His Balloon Wrecked and Trip Abandoned.

CAMP WELLMAN, Spitzbergen, Aug. 15, via Hammerfest, Aug. 23.—Walter Wellman's second attempt to sail over the North Pole in a balloon has resulted in failure. The giant dirigible balloon America, in which Mr. Wellman and his party of three set out upon their perilous flight today, met with a mishap after it had proceeded about thirty-two miles from the starting point. Mr. Wellman and his party succeeded in making a landing without injury to any member and returned to this point on board the steamer Fram, which also towed in the disabled balloon.

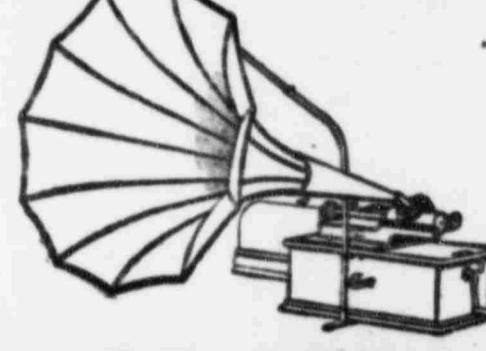
After a long preparation and waiting for favorable weather, the opportunity came today, and Mr. Wellman decided early in the morning to make the start.

At 10 o'clock in the morning the anchors were cast loose, the airship ascending beautifully. The engines were set in motion, and everything seemed to work to perfection. The big air craft was headed northward, and set out at twenty-five miles an hour.

After having covered some thirty-two miles the leather guide rope, to which was attached a thousand pounds of provisions and stores, broke away. This was just as the airship was nearing the pack ice of North Spitzbergen.

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