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TEN CENTS A WEEK

DISASTROUS WRECK ON SEABOARD SUNDAY

Bridge Across Lochloosa Lake Goes Down---Fourteen Loaded Box Cars Dumped Into Water.

A disastrous wreck occurred on the Seaboard Sunday night between Waldo and Ocala, at Lochloosa bridge, when fast freight train No. 11, consisting of a double-header and about sixty box cars, was wrecked, fourteen of the cars being dumped into the lake.

The wreck will prove quite a loss to the company from a financial standpoint, but fortunately no one was injured, for both engines passed safely over the bridge before it fell with its heavy load of freight cars.

At the time of the accident the train was running at a good rate of speed, and this fact alone saved the lives of the two engineers and firemen, who were stationed on the heavy engines.

The train was in charge of Conductor Lashley, while Engineers Tatum and Jones were stationed on the engines. This train is the regular fast freight that runs between Jacksonville and Tampa, making only a very few stops between the two cities, and always carries a heavy train, often being compelled to use the double-header.

Fortunately there was no damage

outside of the loss of freight and had this train not passed at this time a great many people may have been killed later, for the midnight express, between Jacksonville and Tampa, was due to arrive at that point within a few minutes after the freight had crashed through the burning trestle, and it was necessary to flag this train, which was done only in the nick of time, for in a short while it appeared at the scene of the wreck.

Both passenger trains were run over the Coast Line between Ocala and this city Monday morning, and traffic over this route will probably not be resumed under the next two days, as it will be necessary to build a new bridge before traffic can be resumed.

The origin of the fire on the trestle had not been determined Monday, and some are of the opinion that it was the work of some incendiary, though it is probable that it caught from some passing train and lay smouldering until the midnight hour.

The best place to buy your goods is at the store which invites you to come through an ad. in The Sun.

New Administration Building For The State College

TALLAHASSEE, Sept. 20.—The fall term of this college will open on Wednesday, Sept. 29th, with every assurance of one of the most successful sessions in its history. This statement is based upon the fact that the number of reservations already far exceed those of any previous year. Judging from these reservations not only will nearly all the old students return, but an unusual number of new ones will register. Preparations are being rapidly pushed and everything will be in readiness for the opening. A number of improvements have been recently made, one of the most important being the erection of a large building for laundry purposes. This will be equipped with the best up-to-date machinery, completing an addition much needed by this institution.

The general plan for the beautifying of the grounds has been followed during the summer as far as the appropriation for the year would allow, and the improvement to the property is apparent to the most casual observer.

New apparatus for the science laboratories has been purchased, and the year will open with every department thoroughly organized.

New Administration Building.

The friends of the college are rejoicing over the action of the Board of Commissioners of State Institutions in voting an appropriation of \$90,000 for the erection of an administration building which shall replace the entirely inadequate structure now in use.

Plans for this new building have been submitted by the same architects who planned Bryan Hall, and have been unanimously approved by the Board of Control. Bids will be advertised as soon as the specifications are ready, and it is fully expected that the contract will be let and work commenced by December 1.

Description of New Building.

This administration building will be an imposing structure of three stories, with towers flanking the main

entrance. It will be erected immediately in the rear of the present building, facing east, with three wings eighty feet in length extending west. The first floor will be occupied by the physical and chemical laboratories, the domestic science department, and the model school and kindergarten rooms. On the second floor will be the executive offices, library, reading room, and an auditorium capable of seating 1,200 persons. The third floor will be devoted to the art studios, lecture and recitation rooms. The music department will occupy a suite of rooms in each floor of the central wing in the rear of the auditorium. Great care has been taken to make this administration building of the Florida State College for Women one which may be pointed out with pride, not only for the utility of the arrangement and durability of the structure, but for beauty of architecture as well. It will be a credit to the great and growing State which is so liberally providing for her young women.

WILCOX ITEMS.

WILCOX, Fla., Sept. 20.—J. T. Swindle and family of Newberry were visiting friends here this week.

Miss Susie Sanchez of Trenton is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Wm. R. Williams.

J. S. Panter and Frank Rucker went across the river at Eugene to prospect for timber. They purchased a nice lot for ties.

C. E. Dunham of Paradise was here this week inspecting his camp and cypress timber. Ties and rails are being shipped for the train work now in progress under the supervision of Mr. Sheffield. Mr. Dunham is well pleased with the prospect.

Capt. Gauden paid Wilcox a business visit last week.

Miss Alice Lloyd departed Saturday morning to take charge of her school at Unity, Levy county. Her little sister, Marion, accompanied her and will attend the school.

COUNTY JUDGE'S COURT.

Brilliant Array of Legal Talent in Distress Warrant Case.

For the past three or four days the attention of the County Judge's court has been largely taken up in a case in which J. W. Patton, agent for John F. Murray, was the plaintiff, and Jim Croxton, Levy Johnson, Abe McCray and William Thomas, colored, were defendants.

The case is the outcome of a distress warrant issued against the defendants, whom the plaintiff charges had rented certain lands from the Murray estate on a "cropping" basis, and that the defendants had failed to pay their proportion of the crops as rent, in accordance with the agreement. It was for this reason that the distress warrants were served by Sheriff Ramsey—to compel the payment of obligations by defendants.

The testimony was long and drawn out, there being a large number of witnesses. The attorneys for both sides appeared also to be unusually active in the case, with the result that it required some time to complete same.

Judge Mason has not yet announced his decision, and has the case still under consideration.

Attorneys Broome and Robt. E. Davis appeared for the plaintiff, while Attorneys Halle and Fielding represented the interests of the defendants.

CAPTAIN PAUL HEARD FROM.

Writes Col. Chubb That He Reached Duluth in Safety.

Col. Henry S. Chubb has received a letter from Captain A. Paul, chief of field staff of the United States general land office, to the effect that he has reached his old home, Duluth, Minn., where he is enjoying his vacation with his children.

Captain Paul states that he spent Sunday in Chicago, the greater part of which he visited Lincoln Park and the Zoo. He found the thermometer 70 in Chicago, but the register in Duluth was ten degrees lower, being 60. "Rather cool for a Southerner," he declared, "but bracing, and I appreciate the brief change of temperature, although I must confess that I will not feel sorry when the time comes for me to return to Florida."

Captain Paul expects to be absent until about October 1. His friends will be glad to learn that he is enjoying his well-earned vacation.

NEW FAMILY ARRIVES.

A. F. Ackerly and Family of Indiana Will Make Their Home Here.

Among the latest arrivals in the city who have come to make their home here are A. F. Ackerly and family, who came from Terre Haute, Indiana.

Mr. Ackerly, who is a personal friend of H. S. Graves, was here for a short time last winter, at which time he became so favorably impressed that he determined to return with his family and locate—and he has kept his word.

The Ackerly family are located at the Witherspoon House, awaiting the arrival of their furniture.

Injured in Runaway.

While returning from the home of a neighbor Monday morning, Mrs. J. H. Crown of Rocky Point was quite painfully injured in a runaway, the horse she was driving becoming frightened and making a spirited dash. Mrs. Crown was thrown from the vehicle, and in some manner one of her arms became tangled with the lines, with the result that her wrist was painfully sprained, besides injuries in the shoulder and head.

Dr. J. H. Colson was summoned and rendered medical assistance, and reports that while the injuries are very painful no serious results are anticipated.

You may find what you are looking for through a want ad. in The Sun.

ENGINEER CRIPPEN IS KILLED ON A. C. L. RY.

Fatal Wreck Occurred Near Lakeland Saturday Evening---Negro Porter Will Also Die.

LAKELAND, Fla., Sept. 20.—A serious wreck occurred at 6 o'clock Saturday night on the Atlantic Coast Line, near Winston, two miles above this city, when passenger train No. 89, from Jacksonville, jumped a frog, turning the engine completely over, injuring five persons.

Engineer C. T. Crippen of Sanford, Fla., Will Ropson, express messenger, of Jacksonville; Goldie Smith, colored, Jacksonville; Jim Branch, fireman, Tampa, and Conductor Davenport were injured, and the passengers were severely shaken up.

Full particulars are not at hand and it is not known whether or not any of the passengers were badly injured. The engineer and firemen were pinned under the engine and badly scalded, and Messenger Ropson was thrown into the scalding steam with broken limbs. Smith was struck by a driver of the engine and his leg was mangled.

A relief train brought the injured to this city.

MR. CRIPPEN IS DEAD.

LAKELAND, Sept. 20.—Engineer C. T. Crippen of Sanford died at 1

o'clock yesterday morning as the result of injuries received in the Atlantic Coast Line wreck at Winston Saturday afternoon. In obedience to instructions from his wife, who is in Iowa, the body will be shipped to that State for interment. Mrs. Ropson, wife of the dead express messenger, arrived here yesterday morning and will accompany the body to Jacksonville.

Goldie Smith, the colored porter, is in a serious condition and may die. Jim Branch, the colored fireman, will recover.

The track was cleared yesterday morning and there is no further delay in traffic.

SANFORD, Sept. 20.—The untimely death by accident of C. T. Crippen, which occurred Saturday night at Winston, is greatly deplored in Sanford, where Mr. Crippen has lived for a number of years. Mr. Crippen was the engineer on train No. 89, which was wrecked Saturday. He was a member of the local lodge of Masons. His family are at present in Iowa, and Mr. Crippen had only recently returned from his vacation. He leaves a wife and three children.

ACCIDENT TO J. F. SMITH.

Injured in Runaway in Jacksonville, Which Delayed His Return.

Friends of James F. Smith, the photographer, who went to Jacksonville a few days ago for the purpose of purchasing a new machine for the printing of negatives by electricity, will regret to learn that he was "mixed up" in a runaway in or near that city the middle of the past week, which has necessitated a delay of his return. Mr. Smith expected to have reached home Tuesday or Wednesday last, and writes a friend that he would have been here at that time had it not been for his misfortune.

No particulars of the runaway were received, but it is hoped that Mr. Smith's injuries will not prove serious. He states that he thinks he will be enabled to return home today.

WILL HAVE BENEFIT.

Band Will Organize Fat and Lean Baseball Teams.

The baseball season will not be "closed tight" yet, as it is understood the Gainesville Cornet Band is now

working up a benefit in the nature of a game to be pulled off at an early date between the fats and the leans.

This will be a worthy and deserving benefit, and should be liberally patronized by our people, as nothing should go unaided when it is known to be for the benefit of the band.

Further particulars will be given later.

A Surprise Party.

Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock a jolly crowd met at Clayt Station and tendered Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Burch a surprise, given in honor of their sister and daughter, Mrs. Martha Brooks of Daytona, and Mrs. Merthon J. Main of Nocatee, their visiting guests.

Delightful and laughable games were indulged in, and then Mrs. R. M. Chamberlin passed around delicious cake, pickles and lemonade. The remainder of the evening was spent in pleasant conversation until the wee sma' hours. Those who were so fortunate to be present departed, voting Mr. and Mrs. Burch royal entertainers. A GUEST.

The Sun office for calling cards.

Taxation Causes Talk of Division of California

WASHINGTON, Sept. 20.—The recent threat of a body of citizens in California to establish another State within California borders, because of dissatisfaction with taxation methods, has attracted the attention of officials here. The United States constitution provides that "no new State shall be formed or erected within the jurisdiction of any other State; nor any State be formed by the junction of two or more States, or parts of States, without the consent of the legislatures of the States concerned as well as the Congress." This constitutional provision, together with the manner in which California was carved out of other territories, are pointed to as reasons why such a threat would

likely never reach more definite form. It is not the first time that the question of the division of California has arisen, for taxation was a problem that started such an agitation as long ago as 1849. At that time, during the constitutional convention at Monterey there was talk of overthrowing the Northern influence in California, then a territory, and so to make possible an ultimate division of the State, in case the southern part proved to be adapted to slave life.

Not long before the outbreak of the Civil War there was renewed "talk" of division of the State, and there have been meetings in Los Angeles and Santa Barbara county and elsewhere at various times in a sporadic effort along this line.