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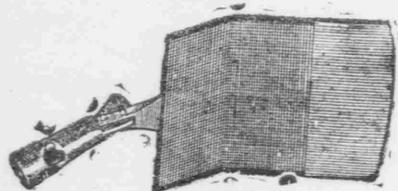
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR DISCHARGE.

To all whom it may concern:

Six months after date I, the undersigned administrator of the estate of Sylvester Starks, will present my final account and vouchers as such administrator to the County Judge of Duval County, Florida, and ask the Court to audit the same, and discharge me from said administration.

LUCIUS T. SMITH,
As Administrator.

Jacksonville, Fla., April 3, 1909.

SAM'L W. FOX,
Attorney for Administrator.
Once a month for 6 mos.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR DISCHARGE.

To all whom it may concern:

Six months after date I, the undersigned administratrix of the estate of John C. Oram, deceased will present my final account and vouchers as such administratrix to the County Judge of Duval County, Florida, and ask the Court to audit the same and discharge me from said administration.

KATIE E. ORAM,
As Administratrix.

Jacksonville, Fla., April 3, 1909.

SAM'L W. FOX,
Attorney for Administratrix.
One a mo. for 6 mos.

ANNUAL MEETING STOCKHOLDERS OF JACKSONVILLE DEVELOPMENT COMPANY.

The stockholders of the Jacksonville Development Company are hereby called to meet in annual session at 8 o'clock p. m. Monday May the 24th, 1909, at the Board of Trade Auditorium, Jacksonville. This meeting is called for the purpose of hearing reports from the officers, the election of a Board of Directors and such other business as may come regularly before said meeting.

W. B. OWEN,
President.

J. A. HOLLOMON, Secretary. 5-10-3t

FABULOUS WEALTH FOR THE WEST COAST.

(Continued from page 3.)

terminus of the Atlantic Coast Line. Tom Edison discovered it many years ago and made a winter home there for himself and family, Dr. and Mrs. M. O. Terry of New York, people of great wealth, went there a few years ago and identified themselves with the region. It is the garden

spot for the fruit-growing industry in Florida. I mention this because a good hotel is indispensable—a first principle—toward the development of any region.”

“You seem to be in love with the West Coast of Florida,” the reporter ventured.

“I am in love with it, because it is a Garden of Eden without snakes—because it is a Riviera without swells. The Flagler hothouse developments on the East Coast are simple imitations of Monte Carlo and Taormina. His Key West railway and Havana connection give its only dignity to his scheme of empire, which I hope and relieve will vastly enrich his progeny. The West Coast will never invite the idle rich, but the whole Southwest, such cities as New Orleans, Houston and Galveston, are deeply interested in a quick short route connection with the East through the Gulf of Mexico and the Atlantic ocean via the Caloosahatchie river and Lake Okechobee.”

III.

A Short Cut Across Florida.

(Editorial by Mr. Watterson in Louisville Courier-Journal).

To the untraveled mind the Southern Coast of Florida, extending on the east Atlantic from Palm Beach and Miami to Key West, and on the Gulf Coast from Tampa down by Charlotte Harbor and Boca Grande, including Lake Okechobee and Caloosahatchie river regions, to the Dry Tortugas, seems a long way off.

It is just outside the door of our backyard. Presently the Gulf of Mexico, made a world's thoroughfare by the completion of the Panama canal, will be the Mediterranean sea of the Western Hemisphere. Then the back yard will become the front yard, changing the whole maritime geography of the continent, transferring the North to the South, and making a shipping highway and vestibule of continental enterprise of what has hitherto been but a tropic waste. The poor do not know how rich they are until they go down into their socks.

We reproduce this morning some pertinent and pregnant matter on the subject from the New Orleans Times-Democrat. Mr. Page M. Baker, the able editor of that great journal, is a gulf coast man, having imagination as well as information. His father was one of the early navigators of the Gulf of Mexico. From his boyhood he has known its waters. His editorial is therefore both enlightening and inspiring. He writes with the clearness of the man informed and the force of the man concerned. The text for what he says so admirably was furnished by an interview had by a reporter of the Times-Democrat with the editor of the Courier-Journal.

Well may New Orleans take an interest in the proposed short cut across Florida through the Caloosahatchie river and Lake Okechobee, to Jupiter Inlet and the Atlantic seaboard, for it means to all the ports of Louisiana and Texas, to Houston and Galveston and Corpus Christi, no less than New Orleans, nearly a thousand miles off their sailing route to the cities of the east and the North Atlantic, that is, New York, Philadelphia and Boston, saving the tortuous and dangerous naviga-

tion around the keys and shallows of the Bay of Florida.

The latest emergency bill before the national house at Washington carried an appropriation for \$9,335.75. The bill provided for a federal waterways commission, consisting of five senators and seven members of the house of representatives to investigate and recommend to congress legislation for waterways improvements. Fifty thousand dollars were provided for the expense of the commission, which was empowered to employ experts to investigate waterways in this country and in Europe. Six hundred thousand dollars were appropriated for examination and surveys, contingencies and incidental repairs for rivers and harbors for which there is no special appropriation. Though waterways improvements are of vital importance to the country in general, and Florida in particular, the Florida delegation in congress has never been quite as alert as it might be. If Florida had been in New England, it would have been finished long ago.

The trouble hitherto has been, or one of the troubles, that every creek and cove between Pensacola and Key West has fancied itself a harbor and every fishing village a metropolis. There is a good deal of human nature to the square mile in Florida. Lee county, in Sparkman's district, has relatively a small vote. Hence the Caloosahatchie region has had little attention and no real help. Senator Taliaferro lives in Jacksonville, which is the headquarters of the procession that makes a Yankee Riviera of the East Coast. Yet, when all is said and nothing done, a canal across the shoulder of the peninsula, connecting the Gulf of Mexico with the Atlantic ocean, by way of the Caloosahatchie river and Lake Okechobee, would be of stupendous advantage to the whole southern country westward of Florida, and, indirectly, immensely serviceable to New York, Pennsylvania and New England.—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the stockholders of Leake & McNeil, a corporation, on the 9th day of June, A. D. 1909, at two p. m., at room 16 of the Park building, Jacksonville, Florida, for the purpose of amending, altering or adding to the by-laws of the corporation, defining or changing the duties of or removing any one or all of the officers and directors of the corporation, filling any vacancies, as may be deemed proper and necessary by the stockholders. A meeting of the Board of Directors of the corporation will be held immediately after the adjournment of the stockholders' meeting.

Dated at Jacksonville, Florida, this May 24th, 1909.

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Secretary and Treasurer.
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