

**CHRISTMAS IN THE COUNTRY**

**All the Fun Not For the Town Boy—  
With Gun and Dog the Country  
Boy Enjoys Life to the Limit.**

To the Editor of the Ocala Banner.

We who have lived through that interesting chapter of life, "A Boy at the Old Country Home Christmas Times," can recall the delightful pleasures as the picture is vividly reproduced by the boy of today, whose good fortune it is to be blessed with a country home; or with a grandpa, who has a country home.

To the many boys who live in town and spend the holidays there I would like to say that it is not so dull for a boy in the country as you might imagine, and the fine impressions that a boy gets on a well regulated country home through just one Christmas time beautifies his entire life. There is reality in it; it is not a big display of paint and artificial subjects. The big fires and welcome rooms after a gallop of two miles on horse back to the postoffice teaches appreciation.

At break of day the boy is out of bed and before he is half dressed is into the hall with a bound and a yell of delight. He is no ways careful about noise as that is one of the features of the "festivities," and the door is slammed with a tremendous bang which brings a severe scolding from grandma, but her words are drowned by the greeting of a half dozen dogs as the boy leaps across the hall to the pantry where his coat pockets are filled with cakes and doughnuts and his hands with lemon pies. The old colored cook shoots a few complaining remarks at him as he makes his way through the back yard, but they fall short of their aim and the boy is soon into the lane that leads to the big barn. All the dogs are at his heels ready to obey any request for they know the hard crust from the outside edge of that piece of pie is coming to them and possibly a cake and a couple of doughnuts. The next thing is a battle of "bluff" between the dogs and a herd of hogs. With the boy's assistance the hogs are soon put to flight. An old cow is disturbed from her soft bed of straw and leaves and he stands where she has lain for a minute to feel the warmth and melt the frost from his bare toes.

The hired man at the barn helps him to saddle and mount the old mare and with the dogs and his first new gun he gallops off through the wood's pasture and through a big swinging gate enters the plantation. From an old hedge row the dogs route a rabbit and a lively chase is witnessed across the field. There are so many cattle, sheep and colts here that he is most afraid to shoot and (even though he does) the rabbit makes safe in the hollow of a cypress tree. Just here his attention is suddenly attracted to a big hickory full of nuts. He approaches it carefully and with searching eyes. Suddenly a squirrel drops a nut and jumps to another tree. With gun made ready he keeps in close pursuit. The squirrel stops and the boy shoots; but the squirrel jumped again too quick. The gun is reloaded and the boy's nerve is a little quieter. The second shot brings the litty bushy tailed beauty scrambling to the ground. The boy—with almost as quick activity as the squirrel—jumps from his saddle and tussels here and there with the dogs for his prize.

Then he gallops back to where the curling blue smoke is flavoring the fresh morning air with the rich perfume of country-cured ham; to where the old red dairy is full of big bowles of sweet milk and eggs are piled up like cannon balls in the old navy yards. A prouder heart never beat in a conquering general's breast.

And these, my dear boys, are some of the realities of Christmas in the country, and your fathers—and I wish we could be a boy again just or a day as our memories unfold such pictures of the dear old past.

PETER STANLEY.

The Rev. Dr. Lyman Abbott may be said to have waked to find himself anathema or glorified, according to the critic's religious point of view.—Boston Herald.

**LIFE AT BELLEVUE.**

Special Correspondence Ocala Banner.

Rexford Nichols left Friday for Manatee, where he has been assigned to the duties of express agent.

A party was given Thursday night at the home of Mr. W. R. Bryant, in honor of the young men, Walter Nelson, Sydney Maddox and Cecil Bryant, who were at home for the holidays from Lake City. Another party was given them Friday evening at J. J. Nelson's.

Miss Jane Bailey, assistant teacher, returned Sunday from a very pleasant visit to her home.

A meeting was by those interested in the raising and shipping of cantaloupes in the town hall, Saturday afternoon to discuss the prospects for the coming season.

School opened Monday for the winter term after a short Christmas vacation.

The Bellevue Library Association held their annual meeting for the election of officers Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Holstead.

Conductor Chubbly, of the local freight, spent Sunday and Monday in town with friends, stopping at Mrs. R. C. Ridge's.

The boys of the University of Florida returned to Lake City and their duties in school room and field Monday.

A large party was given Monday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Washburn.

Mr and Mrs. John Mitchell left Tuesday for Athens, Ga., after a weeks' visit with Mr. Mitchell's mother and brother.

After having lived here nearly all her life, long before Bellevue was thought of or the railroad put through, when the little settlement was known as Roach's Pond, "Aunt Duck" Mason, as she is called by everyone, left Wednesday afternoon for Wauchula, where she will make her home with her daughter, Mrs. Narcissus Goff.

Mrs. L. J. Knight, of Ocala, spent a couple of days here this week with her husband.

A party consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Tyrell, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Hilton, Mrs. J. A. Foster and Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Freeman drove to Lake Weir Sunday and went the entire distance around that beautiful body of water, enjoying the perfect Florida weather.

Miss Fannie Ramsdell has resigned her position with the Marion Mercantile Company and it is rumored that joyful marriage bells will shortly ring.

Mrs. Mary McClenon, Miss Mary J. McClenon and Mrs. Lewis arrived Wednesday from New York state to spend the winter with Mrs. McClenon's daughter, Mrs. G. D. Washburn.

The W. C. T. U. held a social at the parsonage Tuesday night and a pleasant social hour was spent.

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**Fire at Bellevue.**

Special Correspondence Ocala Banner.

At midnight Wednesday night the quiet was suddenly broken by the dread shout of "fire" and in half an hour the pretty winter home of Dr. Mixter was a mass of ruins. Neighbors responded to the call as quickly as possible and succeeded in saving a good many of the household goods. The chemical engines were brought into use in protecting the Bush house which was in such close proximity as to be in constant danger. The fire had gained such headway when discovered, as to render the engines useless in any effort to save the burning cottage.

**ORANGE LAKE.**

Special Correspondence Ocala Banner.

A happy new year to you all! May it prove a prosperous one, as well, to all of your readers.

The principal event of Christmas here was the Christmas tree in the Methodist church, which was quite a success. The children were delighted to meet "Old Santa" again for whom they had been eagerly waiting for the past twelve months. Many of them insisted upon kissing him.

Rev. Mr. Holtzhausen, of Micanopy, preached a fine sermon on New Year's day for us in the Baptist church. He will preach the 1st Sun-

day afternoon in each month for this year. An attendance attend.

Mr. Olley Scott, who has been in business at Chrystal River, has returned home on account of sickness.

Mr. Clarence Cork went south the other day to take advantage of the low prices reported there.

Messrs. D. H. Irvine and J. B. Burry visited Ocala Monday and while there attended the meeting of the board of county commissioners.

Burry Brothers are making a large shipment of lettuce this week.

Miss Lillian Bassett spent Saturday with Mrs. Dave Burry, en route to Southland college, where she is attending school.

Miss Ruby Waits, who is attending the school of Miss Lebs in Gainesville, came home to spend the holidays. She returned Monday.

Mr. Ross Chambers, who attends school in Gainesville at the East Florida Seminary, came home for the holidays.

School opened here Monday with a good number of scholars.

**Found a Cure for Indigestion.**

I use Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets for indigestion and find that they suit my case better than any dyspepsia remedy I have ever tried, and I have used many different remedies. I am nearly 51 years of age and have suffered a great deal from indigestion. I can eat almost anything I want to now.—Geo. W. Emory, Rock Mills, Ala. For sale by the Anti-Monopoly Drug Store.

**A Pleasant Dance.**

A very pleasant dance was enjoyed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Van P. Kelsey, of Lake Weir, last Friday evening.

Dancing was participated in until a late hour interspersed with songs and piano solos by Miss Kelsey, who charmed her audience by her beautiful playing. Very tasteful refreshments were served and altogether a most enjoyable evening was spent. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Van P. Kelsey, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Belcher, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. L. Whipple, Mrs. Eugene Gates, Misses Pearl and Bertha Kelsey, Gertrude Simpson, Estelle Morrison, Miss Kelsey who is the charming guest of Mr. and Mrs. Van Kelsey, Messrs. Peter Osteen, Sidney Simpson, Arthur Adams, Frank Adams, W. L. Berkeley, W. V. Newsom, Virgil Dillard, Albert Dillard, W. H. Morrison, B. F. Morrison and Anthony C. Finzel.

**How to Avoid Pneumonia.**

We have never heard of a single instance of a cold resulting in pneumonia or other lung trouble when Foley's Honey and Tar has been taken. It not only stops the cough, but heals and strengthens the lungs. Ask for Foley's Honey and Tar and refuse any substitute offered. Dr. J. C. Bishop of Agnew, Mich., writes: "I have used Foley and Tar in three very severe cases of pneumonia, with good results in every case." Postoffice Drug Store.

Among fish it is positively known that pike, salmon and goldfish never sleep at all; also that there are dozens of species of flies which never indulge in slumber, and from three to five species of serpents which also never sleep. So this busts up Jesse Burtz who has been holding a monopoly of this habit.

The Chattanooga Times remarks that Christmas presents speak louder than words. This applies especially to gifts of horns and drums made to the small boy.

See the Electric theatre, your money back if you don't think that the Frenchman's chase for a wife is worth the price of admission.

The proper odds are about thirty to one that David Bennett Hill will not name the next democratic candidate for the presidency.

Circuit court will take an adjournment in a few days.

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**Democrats Will Swear In Adams As Governor.**

**INAUGURAL DAY ON JANUARY 10**

**Oath of Office Will Be Administered by Justice Steele, of Supreme Court—Unseat Democrats Program of the Republicans.**

Denver, Colo., Jan. 5.—The Democrats have decided on Jan. 10, the date prescribed by the statutes, they will have Alva Adams sworn in as governor of the state. The oath will be administered by Justice Steele, of the supreme court. The hour and place of the ceremonies have not been definitely settled. The fifteenth general assembly will be called together today and organization commenced at once.

Lieutenant Governor Haggott presided over the senate and the permanent organization of the house was effected by the choice of William P. Dickson as chairman. It was somewhat doubtful if the legislature would be able to do more than permanently organize today, but it is on the program to unseat six Democratic senators as soon as the senate is in working order.

This, when done, will make the senate 25 Republicans and nine Democrats. There are four contests in the house in every one of which the Republicans are contestants. If these are decided in favor of the Republicans the make of the house will be 51 Republicans and 14 Democrats. The present strength on joint ballot is: Democrats, 33; Republicans, 60. If all contests are decided favorably to the Republicans, it will be: Democrats, 23; Republicans, 76. There is one vacancy in the senate.

**NEWS TERSELY TOLD.**

Dispatches report that severe snowstorms are raging over European countries.

Fire destroyed the plant of the Union Meat company, of Portland, Ore. Loss \$100,000.

The king-emperor, Francis Joseph, formally dissolved the diet at Hungary today in a speech from the throne dealing with the parliamentary situation.

Mrs. Patrick Campbell, the English actress, fractured a knee cap last night, the result of a fall while entering a carriage to go to the Broad street theater in Philadelphia.

The jury at Lexington, Ky., trying Louis Mitchell, the negro charged with attempting to poison the family of James H. Mulligan, ex-consul to Samoa, was unable to agree and was dismissed.

Joe Gans and Jimmy Gardner have been matched to fight in San Francisco at 133 pounds at some date this month. This match takes the place of the Johnson-Hart match, which has been called off.

The Atlanta and Birmingham railroad ran Saturday out of Cordele what was probably the longest train of cars ever seen in Georgia, operated by a single engine. The train was made up of 102 cars.

Edward Greh, who was curator of the American Numismatic and Archaeological Society of New York, is dead at his home in Brooklyn. His collection of ancient coins is valued at thousands of dollars.

A committee representing the Knoxville chamber of commerce left this morning for Washington to formally tender to President Roosevelt an invitation to visit Knoxville upon his proposed southern tour.

Contracts have just been awarded for the construction near Princeton, N. J., of an artificial lake 4 miles long to be used principally as a rowing course for the university students. A number of wealthy men contributed to the fund.

From Oct. 1, 1903, to Oct. 1, 1904, 715,000 tons of fertilizer was purchased in Georgia. These figures were given out Tuesday by Commissioner of Agriculture O. B. Stevens, who had the statement made out to show why such an enormous crop of cotton was made in the state.

The British government has offered Adolf Beck \$25,000 in compensation for wrongful imprisonment. Beck, who is a Swede, and was living in England, as a mining engineer and mineral agent, was arrested in 1896 on the charge of obtaining money and jewelry from women under false pretenses.

**Desperate Negro Arrested.** Charlotte, N. C., Jan. 5.—Will Harris, a noted negro criminal who escaped from the state's prison about a year ago, under a 30-year sentence for barn burning and who was some months ago outlawed by magistrate's proclamation, was arrested in Salisbury this afternoon. While at large in this county Harris created a veritable reign of terror in the section in which he was known to stay. Many farmers stayed up all night to guard their premises against his torch.

**Forty Mile Hour Gale Blowing** Norfolk, Va., Jan. 5.—A 40-mile gale from the northwest with blinding snow and sleet struck Norfolk last night and is howling along the coast. No damage has been reported, though several ships put out the capes last night before the storm reached here. A large number of vessels are storm-bound in Hampton Roads.

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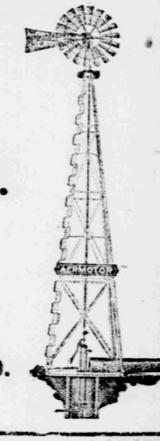
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**A Severe Cold for Three Months.**

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