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DOLLAR A YEAR

Some Florida Incidents

The Capture of the Chattahoochee Arsenal.

BY ONE WHO WAS THERE.

Quincy, Fla., Feb. 9, 1905.

Editor Ocala Banner.

Some one was kind enough to send me a copy of the Ocala Banner of January 22, and I read with much interest the account of the capture of the United States arsenal at Chattahoochee by the "Young Guard" of Quincy, Fla., of which company I was a member.

According to my recollection, the account is true in the main, but not entirely devoid of error. I do not think the company was divided, but marched up to the gate in a body; and there was no display of sky rockets. No one was frightened, as no danger was anticipated. When we came in front of a large brass cannon with its ugly mouth pointing toward us, Henry Zeigler, one of the company, commonly known as "Dutch," pretended to be badly scared, but subsequent events during the war proved that fear was not a part of his anatomy.

According to my recollection the garrison consisted of Ordinance Sergeant Powell and three men, and maybe the sergeant's son and servant. The man Carpenter may have been one of the men.

As to Leigh Reed Westcott, too much praise cannot be given him, but the account of his career is not properly given. He was orderly sergeant of the "Young Guard" which left Quincy on the 6th day of April, 1861, under the command of Capt. John H. Gee, and marched to the arsenal which they had previously captured—this time on foot—where

they were joined by other companies from the state and the First Florida regiment of infantry was formed, electing J. Patton Anderson, colonel. They were enlisted for one year and served that term in Pensacola. When the term of enlistment expired the "Young Guard" returned home, and soon reorganized, electing almost an entire new set of officers; but Leigh still held his old position as orderly sergeant. The company was attached to the Eighth Florida infantry as Company B, and was sent to Virginia, arriving there in time to participate in the battle of Second Manassas.

At Sharpsburg our captain, the gallant Waller, was in command of the regiment and the other commissioned officers being absent, Sergeant Westcott was in command of the company and was killed while bravely attempting to rally the company, which was in great confusion at the time. He was not struck by a cannon ball, as stated, but by a minnie ball, in the neck, severing the main artery. I did not see him after he was shot, but was so informed by some of the company who did. The last time I saw him he was in advance of the company waving his musket.

There were many gallant spirits in that little band, but none who could surpass that brave boy in any of the qualities that constitute the true man and gallant soldier. He was my friend, and I knew him well.

With best regards, I am
Your friend,

W. W. WILSON.

Marion county officials are nothing if not progressive. Work is to be commenced at once on a hard road which will connect Ocala and Dunnellon.—Christian Advocate.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Camp, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Camp, Mrs. Clifton Camp and Miss Jessie Nurney returned home Sunday from a few days' most delightful camping trip near Albion.

Eggs for hatching, pure bred White Leghorns, \$2 for 15. Z. C. Chambliss & Co.

Misses Mabel and Edith Taylor, of Cincinnati, Ohio, who have been spending the past two weeks visiting the island of Cuba, returned to Ocala Sunday morning and are again the guests of Miss Esther Weathers.

Our town is on the upward grade and is going at the rate of sixty miles an hour, and before many more moons Dunnellon and Ocala merchants will be coming to Crystal River to buy their hardware, grain, hay and groceries. Mark our prediction.—Crystal River News.

The regular services were held at the Baptist church Sunday morning and evening. In the morning Mr. Warren preached on "Consulting the Town-Crier of Ephesus," and in the evening his subject was "That Old Serpent, the Devil." At this service Mrs. G. R. McKean and Mrs. W. M. Goin sang a duet.

Late telegraphic advices from Florida indicate that the early cabbage plants are ruined, which will retard the crop at least a month. The patience of the Florida growers at such times is remarkable, and this persistence is eminently commendable. However, it is another instance of the "ill wind," as the wiping out of early cabbage plants in Florida is a godsend to the winter cabbage holders of the north.—The New York Packer.

Ocala to Have Long Distance Telephone.

E. E. Voyle has just returned to his home in Gainesville from Ocala, and in an interview in the Gainesville Sun says:

"The East Florida Telephone Co., which is strictly a home institution, is growing wonderfully in proportion, and is proving a great benefit to the people along the line. Lines have been extended to Archer, to Fairbanks, to Micanopy, Evinston, McIntosh and other points, which affords Gainesville excellent and most convenient connection with the numerous towns within a radius of twenty miles. It is the intention to extend the service to Ocala and Waldo, Melrose and Orange Heights, which will add more convenience. The line is now being pushed toward Ocala, and within the next two months it is safe to say that Gainesville and Ocala may say 'hello' and transact business with each other in a most satisfactory manner."

The Ze Butt Property Sold.

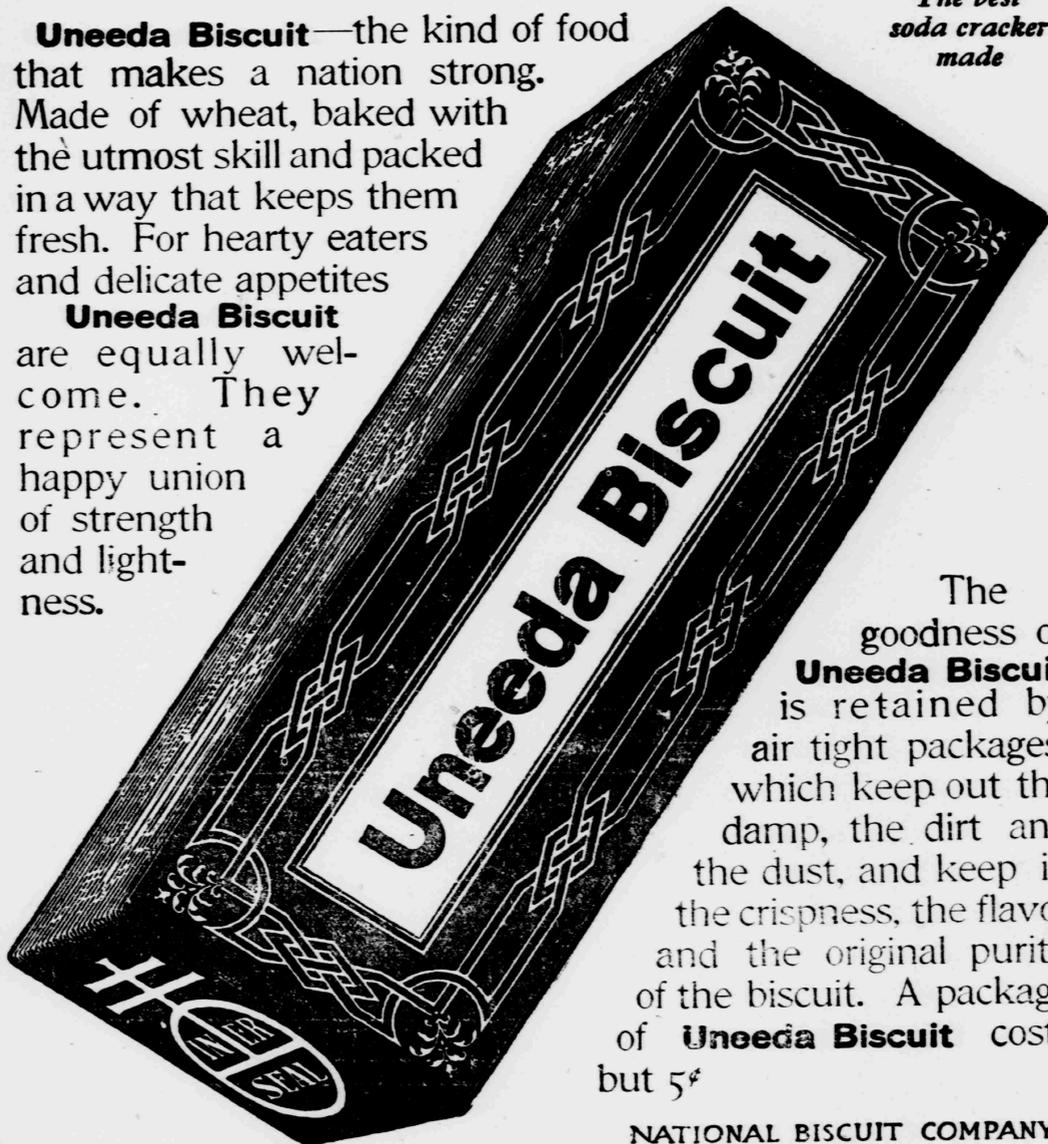
A rumor was in circulation Wednesday that the Carmichael Son Company had purchased the Ze Butt property in this city, which consists of the half block on which the Club House is located, the two stores occupied by the Ocala News Company and Mr. T. W. Troxler and the Elks club.

We saw Mr. Butt, one of the heirs and who has the sale of the property, and he informed us that the titles have not yet passed but the terms have been agreed upon and the purchaser is a party residing in Louisville, Ky. This property is a very fine one and in our opinion the buyer has secured a bargain.

There are a good many cattle growers in Florida, but by spontaneous unanimity Mr. Z. C. Chambliss has been crowned and is now wearing the title of "The Cattle King of Florida."

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NOTICE.

The Democratic Executive Committee of Marion county, Fla. is hereby called to meet at the court house at Ocala on Saturday, Feb. 11, 1905, at 1 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of considering the vacancy caused by the removal of Senator Brown from the 20th senatorial district of Florida, and such other matters as may come before the committee. By order of chairman, JOHN M. GRAHAM, Secretary.

Bishop McCabe and Solomon's Temple.

Bishop McCabe lives in the east and it is safe to say never became a student nor disciple of "Coin's Financial School."

If we remember correctly "Coin" claimed that all the gold in the world could be put into a building twenty feet wide, twenty feet long and twenty feet high.

But Bishop McCabe, as reported by an Ocala newspaper, says that David gave to the building of Solomon's temple five thousand tons of gold and ten thousand tons of silver, and then called his nobles together and they added to the donation ten tons of gold, fifteen tons of silver and one hundred thousand tons of iron.

Either Coin Harvey is very much off the track or Bishop McCabe got his ancient table of "weights and measures" badly confused.

Drew-Selby shoes for ladies are hard to beat, and in fact, they can't be beat here. Don't take our word for it, but come in and see for yourself what we have. H. B. Masters. x

Pensacola is in luck. It is to have a new railroad.

A Business Change.

We have been informed that Dr. S. H. Blitch and Mrs. E. L. Malony have withdrawn from the Helvenston-Blitch-Pasteur Company, General Robert Bullock having purchased the interest of these gentlemen and will become a partner in the concern.

General Bullock has numerous friends throughout the county and his name will give strength to this firm.

A Menace to Health.

Kidney trouble is an insidious danger, and many people are victims of a serious malady before the symptoms are recognized. Foley's Kidney Cure corrects irregularities and strengthens and builds up the kidneys, and it should be taken at the first indication of kidney trouble, as it is impossible to have good health if the kidneys are deranged. Post-officed Drug Store.

Death of Mr. Folks.

Mr. John Folks, of Blue Springs, who is well known in this county, died last Friday at the home of his sister, Mrs. Isaac Wiggins near Ocala. The funeral took place Saturday and Mr. Folks' remains were laid to rest in the Fellowship cemetery.

This paper extends its condolences to the sorrowing relatives of the deceased.

The Jacksonville Floridian calls attention to the fact that while the pay of the chief justice of Florida is \$3,500, and the associate justices \$3,000 a year, the pay of the clerk of this same tribunal is \$5,000. So when Mr. Mabry resigned the higher office and accepted the lower one, from a commercial point of view, at least his head was both long and level.

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