

Notice to Correspondents.

As the Ocala Banner now goes to press on Thursday afternoon instead of Friday as heretofore, all communications should be sent in not later than Wednesday.

BELLEVIEW

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The drama "Among the Breakers," presented by home talent in the town hall on Thursday evening, for the benefit of Belleview Lodge F. & A. M., was a great success. The night was fair and the hall filled to its full capacity with a very appreciative audience, which spurred the amateur actors to do their best. Sam Barrett, as negro Sambo, Steve Hopkins as Patrick, and Mrs. McClellan as Bridget, were capital in their parts, particularly Sambo, the life of the play. While Mr. Doolittle as light house keeper, Mrs. Shedd as the Witch, Judge Hopkins as the City Man, John Lyles as Peter Paragraph, the reporter, Miss Long, his sweetheart, Edgar Pelot as Clarence, and Miss Bessie Shedd, the long lost daughter, were all excellent and received their full share of praise. Everyone voted the evening's entertainment a huge success.

Mr. S. Haviland, of Malboro, N.Y., arrived Friday to superintend extensive improvements and repairs on his recently purchased property formerly known as the Libby house.

Presiding Elder White arrived Friday and has been assisting in the revival services being held at the Methodist church.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Haskell, who have been visiting Mrs. Haskell's brother, Mr. C. A. Tremere, left Saturday for Silver Springs and Palatka.

A pleasant party to arrive Saturday consists of Mr. Julien E. Bixby and daughter, Miss Adele and Miss Florence Schaffer, of Pittsburg, Pa. They will occupy the Gardner cottage for the remainder of the winter.

Mrs. J. A. Freeman and daughter, Miss Lorena, spent Sunday with friends in Ocala.

Recently registered at the Seminole have been J. B. Prevatt, Jacksonville; H. M. Marsh; Savannah; W. C. Alexander, Brooksville; S. Haviland, Marlboro, N. Y.; Julian F. Bixby, Misses Bixby, Schaffer, Pittsburg, Pa.; M. J. Fried, Philadelphia.

Mrs. Frank Benedict, after a pleasant six weeks' visit with her parents, Judge and Mrs. Hopkins, left Monday for her home in Danbury, Conn.

Mr. D. E. Strobel and daughter, Miss Belle, left Monday for Plant City, where they will spend some time with Mrs. Sumter Vining, Mr. Strobel's daughter. Josh.

FLEMINGTON

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As tokens of spring we notice that peach and plum trees are blooming, hardwood trees are putting out leaves and gentle rains fall often.

Messrs. B. F. Bouchillon and J. Dantzer made business trip to Jacksonville Tuesday. Mr. B. expects to move his family to Jacksonville soon.

Quite a large acreage of vegetables will be planted in this section this season, although planting is somewhat delayed owing to the inability of the planters to procure fertilizers. We understand that traffic is in a congested condition at the distributing point.

Services at the Baptist church Sunday. The public is cordially invited. J. K. MIXON.

Marionites in Clover.

Mr. John L. Leitner is down on a short visit to his brother Keitt. The Leitners have been very busy for several days picking and packing the fruit on their four year old grove. Some of the grapefruit trees are yielding as much as four boxes to the tree. Orange packing at different places here gives our section a very busy season. Floweres, Frantz, Shauer, Leitner and J. W. Furren are all working as busy as bees getting off their fruit, but just wait till next winter and then you will see fruit in Estero, for many young groves are in full bloom this spring.—Ostero (cor.) Ft. Myers Press.

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WAR AND CIVILIZATION.

The more we advance in civilization, the more we make strides in Christianity; the more a revival spirit sweeps over the land, the louder and more persistent is the cry for the accoutrements and armaments of war.

Speaking, not from the standpoint of religion, but from the standpoint of statesmanship, from his place in the house of representatives, Mr. Bourke Cockran, the most pleasing, the most entertaining and perhaps the most eloquent and profound member of that body, recently asked the question, "Why has it become necessary in recent years to double, treble and quadruple our expenses for military and naval purposes?"

This distinguished gentleman said that it was extraordinary that such a measure should be submitted to the American congress, and still more extraordinary that its outcome should be doubtful.

Mr. Cockran then contrasted the address of Napoleon Bonaparte to the army of Italy when he took command of it at Milan in 1796, with the address George Washington issued to the American people when he was about to retire from public life the same year. One breathes the imperialistic spirit that the strength of a nation depends on its military armaments; that greatness can only be achieved by force, and prosperity by conquest. The other proclaimed the sublimer doctrine that the nation is strongest which depends on justice; that the true source of prosperity is not in conquest, but in peaceful industry; not in despoiling other nations, but in developing our own soil by the labor and virtue of our citizens.

Suppose that this doctrine was heretically proclaimed by every American statesman, by every American editor and from every American pulpit in the land, who believes that in the year of grace nineteen hundred and five, that this great civilized and Christianized government would present the spectacle of a military encampment, and at every session of every legislature of every state in the union and of the congress of the United States, there would be a cry for larger military appropriations?

When asked the question by Congressman Brick, of Indiana, "Listening to what the gentleman has said, do I understand from his remarks that he does not believe in a navy at all? Does he believe that we should go unarmed in this country? That we could do so and maintain ourselves in the world?"

In replying, Mr. Cochran made this answer: "Mr. Chairman, I believe that the naval equipment which this country has maintained in the past, which was merely the nucleus of a naval establishment, is all that we could ever need. I believe the maintenance of a huge fleet of battleships and cruisers and transports would be an act of folly, if it were not an act almost of crime. [Applause on the democratic side.]

"The true strength of a country depends not on its fortresses, whether afloat or ashore, but upon the men who would rally to the defense of the flag whenever the integrity of our soil was menaced or our national dignity imperiled. The armament which we maintained prior to 1895 is the largest armament that I think this country would ever need in time of peace."

Two hundred millions of dollars is the annual appropriation asked for by the congress of the United States for naval purposes alone. Speaking of this amount Mr. Cockran, in his wonderful speech, said:

"Do gentlemen realize what is meant by expenditures of this character? What does it mean to all the industries in which this nation is engaged? What does it mean to all the laborers who must live by the sweat of their brows? What does it mean to all the farmers who are the backbone of our citizenship? Two hundred millions of dollars a year, in ten years, sir, would almost duplicate our entire system of transportation. Think of what that would add to the comforts of life and the wages of labor; what it would save to the agricultural and other producers in getting their products to market, and how largely it would therefore swell the profits of those industries.

"Why, all the concessions that the interstate commerce commission could wrest from our railroad systems in a hundred years would not amount to the waste of one year that you are deliberately planning here."

This great democrat ended his great speech with the following beautiful peroration:

"But our traditional international policy of doing full justice to all nations and exacting justice from them has been of such incalculable value to the human race that its abandonment by this country would not merely imperil our own prosperity, but it would cast a cloud over all the prospects of civilization. The imminent duty of American patriotism, the supreme interest of humanity, is to defeat every proposal for basing our safety upon extreme armaments and restore throughout the country that unswerving regard for the moral law by which we have grown great, glorious, invincible and unassailable, that our own prosperity being made secure and splendid all the nations of the world, profiting by our example, may share our blessings, as they become attached to the fountain from which these blessings flow." [Loud and long-continued applause.]

Dr. J. G. Baskin.

It will be seen by reference to his card printed elsewhere that Dr. J. G. Baskin is a candidate for senator from this district to fill the unexpired term made vacant by the removal of Hon. C. M. Brown to Dade county.

Dr. Baskin is one of the most popular and best known men in the county. His position as chairman of the democratic executive committee of the county shows the confidence which the people repose in him as a democrat.

Dr. Baskin has always been consistent in his political affiliations and has never swerved an iota from the path as marked out by his party. He has ever been loyal and true.

Dr. Baskin is a graduate of Vanderbilt University, and has been successful in the practice of medicine and in his drug business. Of course, he is best known at Anthony, where he was born, and at Dunnellon, where he now resides, and his friends from those precincts say that the vote in them will be almost unanimous for him.

Dr. Baskin is a broad, liberal-minded man, is a close student and takes a broad view of affairs, and if elected to this important office the interests of the district will be committed to safe hands.

He will make a thorough canvass of the district, and the voters of the two counties will be acquainted with the manner of man he is, and his friends are confident that the verdict will be an entirely favorable one.

Mrs. D. W. Davis entertained the members of the Married Ladies Whist club Wednesday afternoon. Her other guests were Mrs. Farrier, of Charlotte, N. C., Misses Mabel and Edith Taylor, of Cincinnati, Mrs. G. F. Dittmar and Miss Hattie Dye. The arrangements for the afternoon were suggestive of George Washington, whose birthday it was. The score cards were ornamented with miniatures of Washington and were very dainty and pretty. Small American flags and other patriotic emblems were used to decorate the rooms. The club prize, a hand painted cup and saucer, was won by Mrs. T. T. Munroe and the visitors prize, a set of painted china shirt waist buttons, went to Miss Dye. The afternoon was an extremely pleasant one.

Two Young Men Drowned.

John Dean, of Anderson, S. C., and Roy Emerson, of Tacoma, were out fishing in Levy Lake, near Micanopy, Saturday, when the boat capsized. Both were drowned. Young Dean's body was sent to Anderson for burial and the funeral of Emerson took place at Tacoma Sunday.

For Sale

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A PERSONAL LETTER.

Mr E. P. Thagard is Sending Out the Following Letter to His Friends.

Ocala, Fla., Feb. 22nd, 1905. Dear Sir—The seat of Hon. C. M. Brown having been declared vacant, and the governor having called a special election to fill said vacancy, I announce myself a candidate for senator from the Twentieth senatorial district, for the unexpired term, and kindly ask your support. If elected to this honorable position I promise a faithful discharge of the duties devolving upon said position.

I have been a citizen of this county nearly twenty-five years; the first vote I ever cast was in this county; my entire life, since manhood, has been among the people of this county, every dollar I have invested in this county, and any measure that effects you effects me. And I promise, if elected, that when matters affecting your interest comes up to use common sense and my best judgment in voting on same.

Yours very truly,

E. P. THAGARD.

BLITCHTON

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Married, at the home of the bride, on Wednesday evening, Feb. 22nd, Mr. Joseph N. Rawls and Miss Maggie V. Wever. The decorations were simple, but very attractive. At three o'clock Rev. Y. A. Crumpton made the happy couple man and wife. The bride was gowned in white while the groom wore conventional black. They left immediately after the ceremony for Ocala, where awaited for them a brilliant reception by the bride's sister-in-law, Mrs. C. J. Wever. They were accompanied by W. F. Marlow and Miss Clifford Wever.

There were but few intimate friends and relatives to witness the event.

The bride is one of Blitchton's fair belles, while the groom is a prosperous truck grower of Martin.

We extend congratulations.

Rev. Mr. Campbell, of the Christian church, is conducting a meeting in Micanopy in the opera house. Rev. W. H. Allen, of the Chestnut street church, Lexington, Ky., is assisting him. Great interest is being manifested, and the meeting promises to be a success.

Mrs. and Mrs. Willingham and their daughter, Miss Margaret, of Chattanooga, Tenn., were in Ocala Friday, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Comp. They were on their way to the southern part of the state.

Mr. Floyd Metcalf, a former Ocala boy, who now has charge of the shoe department at Kohn & Furehgott's in Jacksonville, and his friend, Mr. Milan, who is in the Seaboard superintendent's office in Jacksonville, and Mr. Clark Hunt, city ticket agent of the Southern railway in the same city, spent Sunday with friends in Ocala.

Rev. and Mrs. C. Fred Benjamin, of Alexandria Bay, New York, arrived in Ocala Monday afternoon on a visit to Mrs. Benjamin's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. McClymonds, and her sister, Miss Annie Sharpe. They were accompanied by their young nephew, Mrs. Benjamin's remembrance here as Miss Betty Sharpe, and her many Ocala friends are giving her and Mr. Benjamin a very cordial welcome.

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