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## Spaulding's BASE BALL GOODS

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## P. O. DRUG STORE.

SARA ELIZABETH HARRIS, Local Editor.

## LOCAL HAPPENINGS

Mr. Henry Gordon returned home Tuesday from a trip to Tampa.

Miss Annie McCarthy has accepted a position at the Variety Store.

A representative of the Salvation Army is in the city.

Mr. Lon. K. Edwards was in the city Monday from Irvine.

The Odd Fellows and Rebekas will have a big meeting in Gainesville in April.

Mr. A. H. Marsh went up to Jacksonville Monday for a few days' business visit.

Mrs. E. C. Edwards of Williston, is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. L. Horn, in this city.

Capt. John L. Inglis, of Port Inglis, Rockwell and Jacksonville, was in Ocala Friday.

Capt. R. D. Harrison, of Leesburg, was the guest of his daughter, Mrs. D. E. Davidson for a few days recently.

Mr. W. A. Murphy and Mr. J. A. McLaughlin, of Fairfield, were in Ocala Friday.

Miss Mary Little has returned home from Orlando after a visit of a month with friends in Orange county.

Mrs. Emma White and Miss Ervin returned to Citra Monday, after spending a couple of days in Ocala.

Mr. Archie Ingram has gone to Schenectady, New York, where he has accepted a position as a draughtsman.

If you want a touch of nature go to the woods where the trees are in leaf and flowers, and the air redolent of perfume.

Judge Baker, of Jacksonville, was a visitor to Ocala Sunday and was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Marsh.

Mrs. J. E. Dautrey and little daughter, of Savannah, are visiting the former's sister, Mrs. W. J. Chambers, on Fort King avenue.

Miss Ettie Carn, one of the Ocala High School teachers, has been quite ill for several days, much to the regret of her many friends.

Mr. John W. Pearson went down to Inverness Tuesday afternoon to attend the funeral of his friend, Mr. A. T. Priest, who died Monday.

Roy Fuller, son of Dr. R. D. Fuller, of this city, has returned to Ocala from Weiser, Idaho, after an absence of several years.

Mrs. M. D. Turnipseed, of Dunnellon, is visiting her mother, Mrs. A. J. Leavengood. She is accompanied by her little son, Richard.

Uncle Joe Shuford, of Ocala, came down this week to take charge of the brick laying on the new bank building.—Dunnellon Advocate.

Mr. R. W. Holliday has disposed of his interest in the melon farm just south of town, and Friday moved to the Pine residence on South Fifth street.

Mr. L. J. Brumby, editor of the Florida Fruit and Truck Grower, returned home Friday from a business trip to Jacksonville and Gainesville.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Welsh and son, Ralph, of German Valley, N. J., who have been the guests of their son and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Welsh, at Cornell, for the past month, left Friday afternoon for their home.

Mr. James R. Garfield, son of the late President Garfield, passed through Jacksonville recently on his way to Sanibel Island with a party of friends to enjoy a hunting and fishing expedition.

Mrs. Nic Barco, of Crystal River, has gone to Decatur, Ga., to visit her daughter, Miss Minnie Barco, who is at Agnes Scott Institute. Mrs. Barco will also visit relatives in Atlanta.

Shamrock and green neck ties and scarfs were very much in evidence Friday. The Ocala Banner force is indebted to Miss Della Fosnot for very patriotic ties.

Rowe's Little Bonanza has outgrown the "hand delivery" system and he will in a few days install an up-to-date delivery wagon for the better accommodation of his customers.

Mrs. J. L. Feaster, of Micanopy, and Miss Ford, of Lynchburg, Va., have returned to their homes after spending a few weeks in Ocala with Mrs. Feaster's sister, Mrs. T. M. Moore.

Ex-President Grover Cleveland was in Jacksonville Tuesday en route to Stuart, Florida, where he goes to fish and hunt for several weeks. He was on his private car and was accompanied by his physician, Dr. Bryant.

Mrs. J. H. Mathews has returned home from Candler, where she has been spending several weeks with her father. Mrs. J. L. Emerson, who had been spending several days with her, came up with Mrs. Mathews.

Miss Fannie Robinson and Julien Robinson came down from the East Florida Seminary at Gainesville Friday to spend a few days with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Robinson. The former was accompanied by her friend, Miss Perry, also a student at the seminary.

## OCALA'S RECOVERY FROM THE FREEZE.

SARA ELIZABETH HARRIS,  
In Daily Florida Sun.

In 1883 when Ocala was almost entirely destroyed by a devastating fire a local paper predicted that it would not be rebuilt in ten years, but while the embers were yet smoking her citizens, with the push and enterprise displayed by Jacksonville on a later occasion, began the work of rebuilding and the little city, Phoenix-like, arose from her ashes better and more substantial than ever.

A few years later phosphate was discovered in the county by one of her citizens and Ocala rapidly became the center of a busy, bustling, hustling activity.

She continued to enjoy marked prosperity until she was again prostrated by the disastrous freeze of 1894-95.

This calamity hit Ocala with greater severity than any other city in Florida being as she was the very center of this great industry. In one section of the county there was almost five miles of continuous bearing groves and at one time the statistics showed that nearly four-fifths of the entire orange crop of Florida was shipped from this county.

Following quickly upon the heels of the freeze one bank after another collapsed and men who were prosperous found themselves almost penniless. Several of the state and county officials had large sums of money deposited in these defunct banks and a number of Ocala's prominent business men were on their bonds and this added to the already crushing financial blow. It is almost impossible to realize the dismay and the distress of our citizens. They were stunned and the city was paralyzed.

Marti City, a prosperous and beautiful tobacco factory town one mile west of Ocala, was deserted almost in a night. The suburb had grown so rapidly that it had become an organized municipality. It had paved streets, its own fire department, a street railway, large tobacco factories, hotels and all the et ceteras that belong to a modern city. In less than a fortnight after the night of the great freeze almost every house at Marti City was unoccupied and it presented the sad realization of Oliver Goldsmith's "Deserted Village." The residents of Marti City did their marketing and trading mostly in Ocala and the removal of her population, numbering over two thousand, added to Ocala's downfall.

But her gritty citizens faced these terrible disasters bravely and began immediately to pull themselves together and to shape affairs in such a manner that would again give to Ocala the commercial advantages nature had meant her to have and soon Ocala began gradually to again occupy the place in the business world that she had lost, and Ocala is in every respect a larger and more substantial city than ever before. No city in Florida today shows more activity or business enterprise. She is the center of the great phosphate industry of the state and many of the largest turpentine operators and lumbermen reside in Ocala. She has three strong banks, two daily and three weekly newspapers and has the largest and greatest number of mercantile establishments of any interior city in Florida. Ocala has two ice plants, two packing establishments, a spoke and rim factory, a crate and basket mill, three planing mills, a barrel factory, a canning factory, three cigar factories, two moss factories, two cotton gins, a velvet bean huller, lime works, electric light plant, gas works, one steam laundry that employs over thirty hands and

another in the course of construction, and she is now building an enormous foundry and machine shops.

Ocala and Marion county led off in the good roads movement and her miles upon miles of hard roads leading from every direction are the admiration of the state. Ocala's streets are busy with traffic and her many beautiful private teams and automobiles attract the eye of the stranger.

The enterprising citizens of Ocala are also leaders in the movement to make Florida famous for its fine stock and several fine stock farms are already owned by Ocala business men in the near vicinity of the city. The most prominent gentlemen interested in this movement are Messrs. Z. C. Chambliss, T. T. Munroe, C. Carmichael, Herbert Anderson, Edwards Brothers and the owners of Marion farms.

The sales of fine stock at the Palmetto farms have already attracted the attention of the finest breeders in the United States and the owners have shipped fine stock not only into different sections of Florida but recently made a shipment to the Old Dominion.

The city has just voted to issue \$50,000 in bonds to be used in improving the electric light service and in bettering the streets and the sanitary condition of the city. Plans have already been adopted for the building of a handsome \$75,000 court house and the United States government has just appropriated \$75,000 for a public building for Ocala.

Ocala also enjoys the distinction of having the largest and best conducted hotels outside of the east coast section and she now has movements on foot which will beyond doubt culminate in the building of a railroad connecting the gulf and the Atlantic by a direct line running east and west.

Beautiful Silver Springs, famed in song and story, lies just five miles east of the city and has made Ocala famous all over the world and is yearly visited by many northern tourists.

Ocala also has a beautiful golf course that is not only a delight to our own people, but to the tourists as well.

Car. enters, mechanics and other workmen are continually kept busy and today Ocala has more wealthy citizens and a healthier business outlook than she has ever before enjoyed.

### Made Famous

Ella Wheeler Wilcox, the most famous and gifted of American writers, in the New York American of Sunday, March 19th, contributes an article on, "The Love that Will Not Die", and takes for her text the refrain of the little poem by Mr. Leon Hanlon, formerly of Ocala, on "The Brooklyn Bridge", which was recently printed in these columns. The refrain is as follows:

"A heart that must bear its burden  
Of a love that will not die."

Mrs. Wilcox says that this poem made a great impression on her mind because two women had recently imparted to her what seemed to them a tragedy—the burden of a love that would not die.

Her article is a very beautiful and touching one as are all of her writings and we may reproduce it in our Sunday issue.

### Death Rate in New York and Chicago.

During November and December, 1903, one-fifth of the deaths in New York and Chicago were from pneumonia. Foley's Honey and Tar not only stops the cough, but heals and strengthens the lungs and prevents pneumonia, so do not take chances on a cold wearing away when Foley's Honey and Tar will cure you quickly and prevent serious results. Post-office Drug Store.

WANTED—Manager for new branch of our business here in Ocala. Write promptly, with reference. The Morris Wholesale House, Cincinnati Ohio. 3-18-2t

## OUR BANK!

Is not old, but it is the oldest here. Having been founded in the worst of bad times, and developed along economical and progressive lines, it expects to continue to grow both in its capacity and opportunity to serve, and invites the patronage to which it believes it has proved itself entitled.

MUNROE & CHAMBLISS.

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### Will Leave Ocala.

We regret very much to hear that Mr. Edward Hiller and family will leave Ocala in a couple of weeks for Birmingham, Alabama, to make that city their home.

We understand that Mr. Hiller has disposed of his phosphate interests here and will go to Alabama to take charge of the marble quarry near Sylacauga in which he and Mr. H. A. Ford, of this city, are largely interested.

Mr. Hiller has resided in Ocala for many years and is one of our prominent citizens and it is a matter of much regret that he and his family will no longer make their home in this city.

### City Affairs

The city council held an interesting meeting Tuesday night and the sanitary condition of the city was the chief topic of discussion.

Mr. Chas. Rheinauer, member of the board of health, made a clear, comprehensive and interesting talk, and asked that \$500 be placed at the disposal of the committee to be used in putting the city in good sanitary shape.

The request was granted. Quite a number of bills were audited and paid.

### Death of Mr. A. T. Priest.

Mr. A. T. Priest, of Inverness, died suddenly Monday at his home. He was sheriff of Citrus county from the time of its formation until very recently and was one of the most substantial and prosperous citizens of that county. His death was a great shock to his friends. He leaves a wife and two children and many other relatives to mourn his death and to whom we extend our sympathies.

### Distinguished Preacher to Be in Ocala.

Rev. Shade W. Walker, president of the Methodist College at Sutherland, will be in Ocala next Sunday and will preach in the Methodist church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

Dr. Walker is an earnest and consecrated minister, and is one of the most eloquent preachers it has been our privilege to hear, and no doubt he will be greeted by a large congregation Sunday.

### Changes in Railroad Circles.

John R. Kenley has retired from the general management of the Atlantic Coast Line and General Superintendent W. N. Royall has been promoted to Mr. Kenley's position.

This leaves Mr. Royall's place vacant and it seems to be the general opinion that Capt. W. B. Denham will be selected for the office of general superintendent.

### Starting Mortality.

Statistics show startling mortality, from appendicitis and peritonitis, to prevent and cure these awful diseases there is just one reliable, Dr. King's New Life Pills. M. Flannery, of 14 Custom House Place, Chicago, says: "They have no equal for Constipation and Biliousness." 25c at Tidings & Co druggist.

### What Our Agricultural Colleges Are Doing.

The authorities of the Iowa Agricultural college started a movement for improved methods in raising corn and are already beginning to wonder at the mighty conflagration they have kindled. The entire corn producing country has taken up the crusade and in the west alone it is believed that there will be added to the annual production 1,000,000,000 bushels.

### At the Baptist Church.

At the Baptist church Sunday the evangelist, M. F. Ham, conducted the services. In the morning the church was filled and Mr. Ham preached very excellently on the subject of "Love, the Greatest Thing in the World."

At the evening service the church was literally packed from pulpit to the furthest walls of both the main building and the annex, and a great many were turned away, as it was impossible to provide more seats.

A great deal of interest and enthusiasm is being shown in this meeting and it will continue throughout this week, and probably longer. At the service Sunday night there were fifteen new members added to the church and many expressed their faith in God.

There was also a song and prayer service on Sunday afternoon, which was largely attended.

### Big Fire at Punta Gorda.

Saturday morning early a very disastrous fire occurred at Punta Gorda. Twelve buildings were laid in ashes. The buildings destroyed were the homes of Charles Smith, Wm. Demere, Connolly residence, Chinese laundry, a pool room, Robert's drug store, the market, Ship Supply company's store and warehouse, the post-office, Blount's clothing store, Rasch's barber shop and Register's ice cream parlor.

The Hotel Dade caught on fire several times and desperate efforts were made to save it, and as there was very little wind it was finally saved. If the wind had been blowing it is probable that the entire business portion of Punta Gorda would have been destroyed.

The whole state sympathizes with Punta Gorda in her misfortune.

### Baseball.

As the summer season approaches some attention is being paid to baseball and a local nine may be organized. Among those who are taking an interest in the game are the following named young gentlemen:

Asher Frank, Charley Moore, Dell Moody, Nathan Peyser, Gordon Little, Pratt Morris, Harry Bullock, Donald Ford, Howard Clark, Fred Vogt, Mannie Martin, S. B. Kibler.

We can not let the season pass without witnessing the national game and hope that a local nine will be formed.

### Best Remedy for Constipation.

"The finest remedy for constipation I ever used is Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets," says Mr. Eli Butler, of Frankville, N. Y. "They act gently and without any unpleasant effect, and leave the bowels in a perfectly natural condition." Sold by the Anti-Monopoly Drug Store. m

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Taylor, of Cincinnati, Ohio, who have been spending the winter on the island of Cuba and the Isle of Pines, arrived in Ocala Saturday to spend several days here as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Weathers. They are the parents of Misses Mabel and Edith Taylor, who have spent the winter with Misses Esther Weathers and Hattie Dye. They are also accompanied by their son, Mr. James Taylor.

Mrs. Gordon D. Wright, of St. Jo, Missouri, who has been spending a portion of the winter in Ocala with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Pearson, left Saturday, in company with her mother, for a short visit to St. Augustine before returning to her home. This was Mrs. Wright's first visit to Ocala since her marriage and she was very cordially welcomed to her girlhood home.