

LEGISLATIVE CHAT.

Our Marion Statemen Busy—Mrs. Perdue in Tallahassee—Miss Bell Winning Distinction—The Brown Baskin Case.

Tallahassee, April 11, 1905.

Special Correspondence Ocala Banner:

Marion county was well to the front yesterday afternoon in the short session of both the senate and the house. Senator Brown introduced three bills; one for the payment to the county of all back rent on the Ocala Rifles armory, the second regulating the width of tires on heavy wagons on hard roads of counties and the third authorizing the issuing of county warrants for the erection or remodeling of the Marion county court house. The first two measures were simultaneously introduced in the house by Messrs. Wartmann and Sistrunk, respectively. The last named bill will be introduced in the house within a short time. All of these bills are endorsed by the Marion county board of county commissioners.

Some interest is manifested in the special house committee to be appointed to whom shall be referred all measures effecting state institutions, educational and otherwise. In discussing the question with your correspondent this morning Speaker Gilchrist intimated that this committee will not be appointed until after other special committees appointed to visit the state institutions shall have completed their work and submitted their report.

Mrs. B. T. Perdue, of Ocala, is here working for the passage of a bill prohibiting the shooting of live pigeons from traps, by gun clubs or other organizations, or individuals. It is believed the measure will pass.

Senator Brown upon request of the governor has nominated the following delegates from Marion county to the southern interstate convention of the National Good Roads association, which will be held in Baton Rouge, La., April 28 and 29: H. W. Long, L. P. Miller, S. R. Pyles, W. W. Clyatt and T. C. Hall.

Miss Jefferson Bell, formerly of Ocala, is making quite a reputation as a brilliant legislative correspondent. Miss Bell, in addition to her duties as city editor of the Tallahassee Capital, is special correspondent of L'Engle's Florida Sun, the Tampa Tribune and other papers, and also assists Mr. S. B. Russ in his excellent news service furnished a number of other papers in the state.

The legislature will probably accept the invitation of the chamber of commerce of Pensacola to visit that city for Saturday and Sunday in order to see the magnificent fleet of war ships now in that harbor. After the return of the members on Monday it can be safely said that the two houses will get down to the daily grind in earnest. Most of the committees of both houses are organized and hard at work and from the number of bills already introduced it is safe to say few of these committees will have very much idle time.

A meeting of the third house has been called for Friday night, April 21. Whether or not this meeting has been called for the purpose of locating what Frank Clark once called the "Dough-Bag," does not appear in the printed call.

The senate held another very short session today, adjourning at 10:30 a. m., until tomorrow morning at 10. The committee on privileges and elections held a meeting at 5 p. m., today and as this is the only question referred to this committee and the testimony is not specially voluminous a report may be made on the Brown-Baskin case tomorrow. From many letters received here it seems evident the interest in Marion and Sumter counties in this case is increasing daily. It is impossible to forecast the report of the committee or the action of the senate upon that report further than the general deductions previously outlined in these dispatches.

Col. S. I. Wailes is in the city and while the Wailes' claim is as yet very little discussed it is almost certain that it will again be a very live issue. It does not appear to me that previously published reports, that Mr. Wailes would agree to a bill providing that he be permitted to draw his portion of the \$25,000 already appropriated, are correct. He stated to me yesterday that he would still stand entirely upon his contract with the state calling for 15 per cent. of the amount collected for the state.

L. J. B.

LATER.
Tallahassee, April 11.—The senate committee on privileges and elections held a three hours meeting this evening, adjourning at 8 p. m., subject to the call of Chairman Raney.

The only case before the committee was the Brown-Baskin contest. Mr. Brown appeared as his own attorney while Mr. Zewadski represented the contestant. The evidence and affidavits submitted on the same, as have been practically forecasted in the columns of the Banner, and that paper, by the way, was considerably in evidence in the same affidavits and arguments. Among the witnesses named or cited for the contestant were Frank Harris, R. Bullock, Jno. Graham, H. S. Chambers, S. T. Sistrunk, Henry Gordon, G. A. Nash, L. P. Miller, W. K. Zewadski and Geo. G. Mathews, jr., of Ocala; W. C. Kilgore, of Sumter county, and A. F. Lovering, of Tallahassee.

The main argument or at least a large portion was based upon the letter of Mr. Brown in the Miami Metropolis, republished in the Banner and the subsequent "follow up" letter published by Mr. Brown in the Banner of Nov. 29, 1904, together with the alleged statements as to intent to change residence made to the witnesses previously named.

The committee on claims of the house this afternoon decided to report favorably on the Wartmann bill to reimburse Marion county for rent paid on the Ocala Rifles armory. Mr. Wartmann will also secure a favorable report on his automobile bill. The record of this representative so far is a good one as measured by success. All these bills, so far acted upon by committees to whom they were referred, have reported favorably on same. The amount Marion county will receive on the armory bill as per the committee report is \$3,360.40.

Tallahassee, April 12.—The committee on privileges and elections held another meeting today and adjourned until Friday morning. During the interval the law bearing on the Brown-Baskin case will be investigated and should it be deemed necessary additional testimony may be taken. There is light probability of a report before next week. The decision is expected to establish a precedent in Florida and from this fact is deemed of great importance.

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BELLEVIEW

Mr. James Hardee spent Wednesday with his wife and little girl.

Rexford Nichols returned home last week from Manatee where he has been employed by the Southern Express company for some time.

Mr. C. H. Dame, of Ocala, was in town several days last week in the interest of the Woodmen of the World, and Friday evening organized a lodge with fifteen or twenty members.

Mrs. Alvan Lucius has resigned the position as postmistress of Belleview, the resignation to take effect as soon as her successor is chosen and qualified.

Mrs. Rawlins Lowndes, of Waterbury, Conn., arrived Friday for a visit the her friend, Miss Adelaide Webster.

The cottage on the West Side, owned by Mr. J. A. Stannis, of Boston, is undergoing a thorough overhauling and extensive improvements. Newly papered and painted inside and with new conductor pipes, new blinds and a fine new coat of paint, it will make one of the prettiest homes on the West Side. Mr. Jera Hoyt is superintending the work for Mr. Strauss, who expects to come here to reside in another year.

The Belleview Workers held an ice cream and strawberry sale in the town hall Monday. The tallest person there received ice cream free. Mr. Joe Whizenant proved the tallest gentleman and Mrs. Hames the tallest lady.

Mrs. J. D. Washburn was called to Ocala Monday by the critical illness of her nephew, Mr. Dudley, who is seriously ill with typhoid fever at the home of Dr. Marean.

Mrs. J. A. Mitchell left Monday for Summerfield for a visit with relatives. Miss Laura Long left for home in Wildwood Sunday for a rest, having been quite ill for several days.

The young men have formed a social club and hired the Trask building, corner Dunn avenue and West Front street, and have repaired the floor for dancing, moving the counters into the back room.

Under the auspices of the W. C. T. U. a series of six contests for speaking are to be given for five silver and one gold medal. The first of the series were given Friday evening in the town hall. The Misses Ella Lyles and Edna Nichols tied for the medal. In the draw Miss Ella Lyles was the successful contestant.

The following was the program:
Song—Unfurl the Temperance Banner.

Prayer.
Solo: "No One Can Deny It," Miss Rubie Bryant.

Chorus.
1. Standing Treat—Robt. Polly.
2. A Knot of White Ribbon—Emma Washburn.

3. The Baby Show—Essie Shedd.
4. The Rumseller's Sign—John Lyle.
5. Licensed to Sell; or Little Blossom—Ella Lyle.

6. A Little Child Shall Lead Them—Edna Nichols.

Chorus—Keep the Ball Rolling.
Notices.
Collection Speech—Eleanor Turner.

Collection Solo—The Happy Irishman—Mr. Yarter.

How Mrs. Hennessy Saved Her Boy—Miss Bosworth.

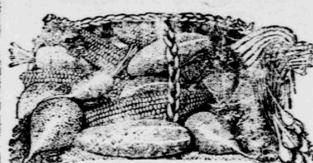
Presentation of Medal.
Solo: Where Is Your Boy Tonight?—Bessie Shedd.

Benediction.

Birthday Dinner at Weirsdale.
To the Editor of the Ocala Banner.

Mr. B. F. Saxton, of New York, gave a supper at the Lakeside hotel, Weirsdale, Florida, April 1st, to the ladies, friends of Mrs. G. K. Glaser, of Hamilton, Ohio, it being her birthday anniversary. Ten were seated at the table and the affair was an extremely enjoyable one. Pretty toasts were given by Mrs. Williard, of Rhode Island, and Mr. Saxton, and in return a song and toast was given by the guest of honor.

Mrs. Glaser is a woman of charming personality and made many friends during her visit to the lake. She was delighted with her visit and will return next winter. She left her Ohio home yesterday. VISITOR.



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ORANGE LAKE.

Special Correspondence Ocala Banner:

It is generally conceded that the orange crop will be short; almost all the trees that shed their leaves have dropped their fruit, but those that retained their leaves have a fine crop of fruit.

Snap beans are now moving in a small way to the markets. Shipments promise to be heavy next week.

The public school will close its prosperous session Friday. Monday night they will have quite a nice entertainment consisting of recitations, tableaux, etc., in which all the scholars will participate. Miss Mizell is considered a good teacher and has given better satisfaction than any teacher for several years previous.

Mrs. Waits is on a visit to her daughter Ruby, in Gainesville, who is attending Miss "Tebo's school" there.

Mrs. Robertson, of Fernandina, is on a visit to her sister, Mrs. Rowse.

Mrs. D. H. Irvine made a flying trip to Ocala Monday, returning on Tuesday.

Mr. C. S. Cork died this morning. His funeral will take place at the Episcopal church Thursday at 10 a. m.

To Entertain for Miss Land.

On Saturday afternoon at half past three o'clock Misses Margaret and Mamie Taylor will give a charming card party in compliment to their attractive young cousin, Miss Annie Land, of Littleton, N. C., who has been their guest for the past few weeks.

The reading club meeting with Misses Sara and Violet Harris Tuesday afternoon was a pleasant one. Goethe's old age and his great work, Faust, were studied and interesting articles were read by Miss Sara McCreery and Miss Minnie Gamsby from the Bay View Magazine. The club will meet next week with Miss Meta Jewett.

Mr. Robert T. Adams of the Ocala House, came down from Palatka Saturday on the Hiawatha via the Ocala river and Silver Springs and enjoyed the trip immensely. This was the Hiawatha's last trip this season and the boat was well crowded. The Hart line has been very popular the past season and did a very excellent business.

The Ladies' Cemetery association held a called meeting Tuesday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. O. T. Green. Mrs. R. A. Burford, the president, presided, and business of importance with the view of further beautifying the cemetery was transacted.

Rev. W. H. Gottwald, of Washington, D. C., formerly of this city, occupied his old pulpit at the Presbyterian church Sunday morning and preached an excellent sermon. His friends were delighted at the opportunity of hearing him again.

Mrs. Julia D. Pelham, after spending the past two months very pleasantly in Ocala as the guest of Mrs. W. J. Lohrig, left Tuesday for her home. She was accompanied by her friend, Miss Wilson, who stopped over for a day or two in Ocala.

In a debate before the "Young Men's Democratic League" in Jacksonville Monday night Judge Ion L. Farris, formerly of this city, was one of the principal speakers.

RAILROAD TICKET AGENTS IN SESSION

Meeting Being Held in The City of New Orleans.

WELCOME ADDRESS BY MAYOR

The Air Brake Association Also Holding its Annual Meeting—Officers of the Ensuing Year Have Been Elected—Big Reception Tonight.

New Orleans, April 12.—F. S. Montgomery, of Vincennes, Ind., was today elected president of the International Association of Railroad Ticket Agents. The officers are:

J. H. Hannahan, of Walden, Mass., first vice president; L. C. Boyle, of Milwaukee, second vice president; W. B. Peters, of McKeesport, third vice president; C. G. Cadwallader, secretary and Elwood Ramsey, treasurer. W. E. Smith withdrew from the race for third vice president and was elected on the executive committee.

The association decided to reduce the initiation fee to \$10 and to make that include the dues for the first year. Mayor Behrman welcomed the delegates to New Orleans and retiring President Hambricht was presented with a magnificent gold and diamond locket.

The airbrake association convened today and opened with a prayer by C. H. Ladimer.

Together the two conventions join in an informal reception and dance.

OIL COMPANIES FILE RETURNS.

Missouri Courts Trying to Find If There is a Combination.

Jefferson City, Mo., April 12.—In the supreme court en banc today A. D. Eddy and Frank Hagerman filed separate returns of the Standard Oil company and the Republic Oil company in answer to the Ouster proceedings instituted by Attorney Hadley on the ground that the oil companies had formed a trust combination.

The returns deny specifically the allegations in the information filed by Attorney General Hadley, and then plead that they should not be held to answer to the information, declaring that the anti-trust law is unconstitutional.

The Waters-Pierce Oil company was given until tomorrow to file its returns. The case is set for April 22 when the pleas will be passed upon and the court will determine whether a commissioner shall be appointed to take testimony.

WHITE MEN ASSAULT GIRL.

Drunken Men in Tennessee Commit Heinous Crime—Posse in Pursuit.

Butler, Tenn., April 12.—Lochie Buntun, a white girl, 14 years of age, was criminally assaulted by three white men, well known in this section in the woods 3 miles from town. The men are said to have been drunk.

Their victim is unconscious, and the men are hiding in the mountains and defying arrest.

The men are said to have overtaken the girl on the road while driving through the mountains, and compelled her to get into the back and ride with them. After taking the girl in they are said to have left the road and committed the crime.

A posse, headed by a well known and desperate mountain character, Nat Cardon, are on the trail of the men.

Alabama Man Is Assassinated

Tuscaloosa, Ala., April 12.—Information has just reached this city of the assassination last night of Stewart Champion, manager of the Jed Strong plantation. Champion was sitting before the fire holding his baby in his arms when a shot was fired through the window causing his death. The baby was slightly wounded in the feet. Dogs placed on the trail went to a house occupied by John Carpenter and Bob Robinson, negro farm laborers, and they are now in jail.

13,000 Killed by Earthquake.

Lahore, India, April 12.—Commissioner Jullundur, reports that as a result of his investigations he estimates the fatalities resulting from the recent earthquake in the Kangra district at 10,000, and the Palampur district at 3,000. The total number of persons killed at Charmsala was 424, besides the Gurkhas, who were crushed to death by the falling of the stone barracks.

Score Injured in Train Wreck.

Kingsley, Kans., April 12.—Twenty or more passengers were injured, but none killed, by a collision of the Chicago express and California Limited train on the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railroad last night. Both trains were eastbound. No. 8, the Chicago express, was standing at the station when No. 4, the limited, crashed into it at high speed. The engine of the second train plowed into the last Pullman sleeper of the other train, demolishing it.

GIRL KILLED BY LIGHTNING.

Also a Negro Met Death by Stroke During Electric Storm.

Covington, Ga., April 12.—Two fatalities resulted from the electric storm which struck this section Sunday afternoon.

At 2 o'clock lightning struck the house of R. W. Boswell, an operative at the Covington cotton mills, killing his oldest daughter, Miss Nannie Boswell, instantly. She was standing in the doorway with several other members of the family, who escaped without serious injury, though receiving severe shocks.

A negro man living in the western part of the county was the other victim, being killed outright by an electric bolt during the storm.

The storm was accompanied by wind and hail. The telephone and telegraph lines were badly damaged, a large number of the phones of the Covington telephone exchange being burned out.

DESPERATE NEGRO GETS AWAY.

Alleged Assailant of Mississippi Woman Fails in Caching Him.

Jackson, Miss., April 12.—News has reached this city that a negro was placed under arrest at Utica, in this county, who acknowledged that he was the one who assaulted Miss Marsh, in this city, on Feb. 22.

The negro pulled two large pistols and shot his way out of the crowd, wounding C. H. Benton, slightly.

The negro then took to the woods, and has not been captured. A posse is now in pursuit of the negro.

This afternoon the governor was advised by long distance telephone of what had transpired at Utica, and was asked for bloodhounds, but Governor Vardaman had none to send.

Great excitement prevails at Utica.

DESPONDENT WOMAN KILLS SELF

Standing Before Mirror She Shot Her Brains Out.

Columbus, Ga., April 12.—Mrs. A Sims, wife of John Sims, a merchant at Loflin, Russell county, Alabama, committed suicide yesterday afternoon at her home by shooting herself with a pistol.

She had been in ill-health for some time and had been treated at a sanitarium.

She left a note to her husband saying she could not stand her sufferings longer. It is believed that her mind had become unbalanced.

Besides her husband, seven children survive her, the youngest a baby of 5 months old. She was the daughter of Dr. Dismuke, of Irwin county, Ga.

Stroke of Lightning Causes Big Fire.

Huntington, W. Va., April 12.—A fire started by lightning striking the Lade Bros' large warehouse at 2 o'clock this morning, caused damage estimated at \$200,000. Before the firemen were on the ground, the adjoining warehouse of the United States Stogie company was in flames. Three other buildings were also consumed. The United States Stogie company's building is situated at Third and Seventh avenues, the other buildings destroyed are located on Third avenue. The Baltimore and Ohio railroad freight depot with its contents was damaged to the extent of \$50,000. Owing to the high wind and storm the firemen had a desperate struggle.

Opposed to Naturalizing Japs.
Houston, Tex., April 12.—Federal District Attorney McLemore has been instructed by Agent Vandusen, of the immigration bureau, to take such steps as may be necessary to cancel the naturalization papers hitherto issued to Japanese at Houston and Galveston, Tex. The instructions go into specific detail, and name a number of those who have declared intentions to become citizens of the United States. Vandusen specifically declares that the Japanese may not be naturalized. Attorney McLemore has referred the matter to the attorney general for a ruling before taking any steps.

Negro Children Burned to Death.

Orlando, Fla., April 12.—The home of a negro named Hawkins has been burned here. His wife escaped with all the children except one, and sent one of the children who had escaped with her after this one. While he was in the house the roof fell in and both were burned to death. Hawkins was not in the house when the fire occurred. He had it insured for \$1,000, and as he has not been able to give a satisfactory account of his whereabouts at the time. He has been arrested.

Killed Through Window.

Sylvania, Ga., April 12.—Fate Parker, a well known and prominent citizen of Screven, was shot and killed in his house near Woodcliff on Saturday night by an unknown assassin. The killing was about half past 11 o'clock, just as Mr. Parker was preparing to retire. The shot was fired from the outside of the house, through the window, and the whole load of buckshot took effect in the victim's side. He lived only a short while. Bud Lasser was arrested yesterday afternoon, and is now in jail here.