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**A Pleasant Day at Silver Springs.**

Special Correspondence Ocala Banner.

Last Friday a party of young folks from Grahamville went to Silver Springs to spend the day. They left Grahamville at 8:30 in the morning and reached the springs at 10 o'clock, stopping en route to see the turpentine stills at Delk's Bluff. Several rafts of logs were met on the way, and to see the barefoot loggers at work was quite an amusing sight to many of the jolly "picnickers."

After spending several hours visiting the large saw mills at the springs dinner was spread under the pretty shade trees for which this beautiful place is famous. To tell how well the dinner was enjoyed is beyond the descriptive powers of your humble scribe's pen.

After dinner "pit" was played for an hour or so, when the party embarked for home, reaching there about five o'clock.

The party consisted of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Randall, Misses Pinnie and Maxie Fort, Florence and Phenie Marlow, Izola Welhoner and Maggie Sewall, and Mrs. Charlie Long, Duffy Peebles, Luther and Harlie Reynolds, Lucien Mills, Clem Caldwell and R. D. Mixson.

The trip was made on Capt. Jim Nelson's pretty launch, the "Winnona." ONE OF 'EM.

**Mrs. Dittmar's Card Party.**

Tuesday afternoon Mrs. George Dittmar entertained at a beautiful card party at the residence of Mrs. William Anderson, where she has been spending the winter. There were five tables of whist, and this interesting game was played for two hours. The first prize, a handsome cut glass bon-bon dish, was captured by Mrs. Lariet Gamsby and the "booby," a pretty pack of cards, fell to the lot of Miss Woodrow. During the afternoon punch was served by Misses Sue Anderson and Alice Bullock, who, at the close of the games, served delicious cream and cake and bon-bons.

Mrs. Dittmar's guests were Mrs. Lariet Gamsby, Mrs. Theodore Munroe, Mrs. Louis Chazal, Mrs. W. S. Bullock, Mrs. William Anderson, Mrs. Decatur W. Davis, Mrs. M. C. Looney, Mrs. C. C. Todd, Mrs. F. E. Harris, Mrs. E. K. Nelson, Mrs. B. A. Weathers, Mrs. D. S. Woodrow, Mrs. Handley, Mrs. F. T. Schriber, Misses Minnie and Louise Gamsby, Janie Woodrow, Abbie Munroe and Miss Mary Platt.

**At the Christian Church.**

Evangelist E. L. Frazier preached a very forcible sermon last night at the Christian church on the subject, "Shall we know each other in the next World." He is an eloquent orator and his sermons are well attended by large and attentive congregations. He will preach at 3:30 this afternoon on the subject, "Angels," and at 7:30 this evening he will take for his subject, "Shrouds have no pockets." Do not fail to hear him.

**Ball at Dunnellon.**

The Valmore Izlar baseball team went down to Dunnellon Wednesday to play a match game with the "Phosphate City" nine.

Among those going with the Izlar team we caught the following names: Royal Cole, Harry Bullock, Gordon Little, Valmore Izlar, Edwin Spencer, Harry Rubin, Tom B. Barnes, Ernest Hodge and Kaymond Bullock.

The game was called at 1 o'clock and resulted in a score of 8 to 3 in favor of the "Phosphate City" team.

**MOSS BLUFF MENTION**

That Section Whooping for Baskin—The Automobile Bill Commended—Easter Services, Etc.

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We have been waiting for some time to hear the final result in the senate contest between Senator Baskin and C. M. Brown. The people over here are whooping for the former. Suppose the senate has decided that Marion and Sumter should have two senators, anyway, so I move that they both be allowed seats.

We are pleased to note Mr. Wartmann's automobile bill; also Mr. Sistrunk's armory bill. Marion has two of the best representatives in the house, and we hope to see more excellent bills offered and passed by them.

The farmers are very busy now with their crops, and the outlook for big returns in cotton, corn and sugar cane were never better. Large quantities of string beans have been shipped from this section and the prices so far are very satisfactory.

It will only be a few weeks now before we will have ripe melons and canteloupes. Many of both may now be seen as large as teacups.

Capt. J. B. Martin has been sick for some time, but we are pleased to be able to report that he is now improving. Mr. A. J. White is also laid up with a case of la grippe.

Easter services were conducted at the Congregational church last Sunday and the attendance was quite large. There were also several "egg hunts" in the neighborhood for the children. All in all it was a great day for Moss Bluff.

Mr. John T. Lewis and his two sons, John T. and Irl, were in Ocala several days since to attend the meeting of the Fourth-class Postmasters' League of Marion county.

We would be very glad if we could get mail from Ocala the same day it is mailed. As it is now arranged it takes mail from Ocala to Moss Bluff from twenty-four to forty-eight hours to arrive, and the distance is only twenty miles. It seems that it should be arranged for the mail carrier who gets the mail at the railroad to wait for the southbound mail each day. Sometimes we do not get the Ocala papers which are mailed on Friday until the following Monday. This was the case last week.

The people over on this side of the Ocklawaha river are very much interested in the Weekly Banner's story, "Camila," by Mrs. Beatrice Marean. The Florida Incidents" by Col. Otis T. Green and ex-Governor Flemming are also very interesting, and we hope to see more from the gifted pen of these gentlemen. Last, but not least, we are particularly fond of the editor's lay sermons.

**GAITERVILLE**

Special Correspondence Ocala Banner.

Gaiterville is quite dry at present. Oats are needing rain very badly. Corn and melon crops are doing fine. Young melons are beginning to appear on the vines. This, I believe, is even with, if not ahead of, any section of Marion county yet heard from. Can you beat it?

Easter Sunday passed off quietly. Mr. F. D. Sparkman made a business trip to the mining city Monday. Your scribe did also.

Fish fries seem to be the talk of the day now; but, judging from the past ones, the talk is about all there is of it, as the fish are scarce this season. There was quite a misunderstanding about the prayer meeting last Sunday night. Some were very early while others quite late. We hope, however, this will be an occasion of the past that all will understand the hour in the future.

We noticed in the Crystal River News of last week that some one has taken up the subject of fleas. Now, if discussion of the matter would drive the things out of existence it would be the one subject of all others discussed.

Mr. C. M. Renfro, of Maple, was in Gaiterville last week looking for a pair of mules which he traded to the Tampa horse thief. The property which he received in exchange being claimed and taken by other parties.

The thief caused considerable excitement throughout the state, giving the farmers a great deal of trouble and loss of time exchanging horses; horse traders are very careful in this section at present, and well they may be. UNCLE JOE.

**PROBABLY SETTLE IN GEORGIA.**

South Arrican Boers with General Cronje Visiting United States. Norfolk, Va., April 27.—General Cronje who was a member of President Kruger's cabinet for 12 years and a noted Boer leader, and is now on a tour of America, was shown a copy of the new constitution today. He said:

"It is a breach of the treaty of peace made us by England who promised a self government as soon as our country was in a settled state.

"King Edward has been advised by the capitalists in the drawing up of this constitution which to my mind is no constitution at all. The only thing which remains to be done is to be patient and work with petitions to the British government. On hearing the remark that petition would not avail, he responded:

"If they trample them underfoot for ten years still they must listen to us some day.

"The people of the Transvaal have been forming a political organization under the Boer leaders known as the 'Hetvolk,' the people, who will demand what was promised them in the signing of the peace treaty.

"Under the new constitution capital will be arrayed against labor and there is no possibility of self-government. The Briton now in South Africa is allied with the Boer and wants self government, and does not want the country to be ruled by capitalists and magnates."

The Boers and Britons who are now in America with Cronje, over 600 in all, have become reconciled to the extent of agreeing to colonize in America, probably in Georgia.

**YOUNG KENTUCKIAN SUICIDES.**

Thought His Sweetheart Had Jilted Him Over Telephone.

Lexington, Ky., April 27.—Interruption in a telephone conversation this evening is held responsible for an attempt at suicide which will prove successful.

William T. Atchison, a brakeman, aged 23, had met and courted Miss Minnie Thacker, aged 20, by telephone, her parents objecting to the suit. They had a misunderstanding which was being discussed when the young woman says the telephones were disconnected. Atchison evidently thought she had answered him by hanging up the receiver. Going to the saloon of Tom Cokkrill, famous in the Breathitt county feuds, Atchison wrote a farewell note and then made Cokkrill an offer for a pistol on display. Asking to examine it he placed the muzzle at his breast and fired a 45 caliber bullet through his body just over the heart. He is not expected to survive.

**"STATE OF ALLEGHENY."**

Western Pennsylvanias Want Their State Split in Two.

Pittsburg, Pa., April 27.—Now that Pittsburg and Allegheny are to be united into a greater Pittsburg, there comes a cry for a division of the commonwealth. The Allegheny mountains form a natural dividing line, cutting off a little more than one-third of the western portion of the state.

The claim is made that politicians of Philadelphia and the east so shape things that the western part of the state suffers, its development being retarded, while the east reaps all the benefits of statehood.

It is asserted that the division movement will be begun at once. The name proposed for the new state is "Allegheny," seemingly making prophetic Lincoln's allusion to the "State of Allegheny."

**SHOT HIS SISTER'S ESCORT.**

Empties a Load of Shot Into His Body and Escapes.

Wheeling, W. Va., April 27.—Thomas Mills is lying in the Wilson hospital at Martin's Ferry at the point of death with gunshot wounds in his back and shoulder, alleged to have been inflicted by John Seely, who believed that Mills was unduly attentive to his sister May.

Seely lives in a boat house in the back river, near Martin's Ferry, and it is stated that for some time his sister has been a housekeeper for Mills, a well known resident of the same town. Seely followed them to Wheeling and the tragedy took place. Seely fled a once, and at a late hour had not yet been apprehended. Mills, the physicians say, cannot recover.

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**FATAL ENDING OF JOKE.**

Tragic Termination of a Prank Played By Husband Upon Wife.

Paris, April 27.—M. Edmond Lehoue, wishing to play a joke on his wife, dressed up a wax figure, the head of which and one of the hands he lightly attached to the body by means of gum and placed it in a bed.

While Lehoue was watching the proceedings from behind some draperies his wife, about to retire, grasped what she supposed in the semi-darkness to be her husband's hand, but which was in reality that of the wax figure. The hand, cold and clammy, detached itself from the limp and remained in her grasp. With a terrible cry of terror, Mme. Lehoue let the hand drop to the ground and flung her arms around the figure's neck, when the head also became detached and rolled down upon the floor. The terror-stricken woman, uttering piercing shrieks, ran down the stairs, where she was stopped by some neighbors and detained. When the police arrived it was found that she had become raving mad.

Later she was conveyed to the asylum. When the husband was apprised of the hopelessness of his wife's condition he poisoned himself by swallowing a dose of nitric acid.

**SITUATION CRITICAL IN ARABIA.**

Turkish Troops Sent to the Relief of that Country.

Aden, April 27.—The situation in Turkish Arabia has become critical. It transpires that only a thousand of the Turkish troops sent to the relief of Riza Pasha, Sanai and Foz fled thither after sustaining a defeat at the hands of the insurgents. Riza Pasha troops 6,000 strong, encountered the Arabs in great force 5 miles south of Sanai March 30 and after a sharp encounter most of the troops consisting of Syrian reserves laid down their arms or deserted, the remnants of the Turks managing to reach Sanai the same evening.

The chief of staff, Issat Pasha, was killed and seven guns were abandoned and taken possession of by the Arabs, who also captured 200 camels and large quantities of rifles and ammunitions.

The investment of Sanai by the insurgents is being tightened. The Syrian reinforcements which recently arrived in Arabia are unsatisfactory, and the Ottoman officials are anxiously awaiting the arrival of European battalions upon whom the fate of the capital of Yemen province depends.

**JUDGE SAVES WOMAN'S LIFE.**

New York Jurist Responds to Call of Fire and Renders Valuable Aid.

New York, April 27.—Supreme Court Justice Edward E. McCall, Professor Seligman, the economist of Columbia university, William Wiggins and a score of other residents of West Eighty-sixth street, near Riverside drive united as a fire brigade last night to save the old Someville mansion, at No. 328 West Eighty-sixth street, from destruction by fire.

Justice McCall and Miss Etta Somerville led the fire fighters and succeeded in keeping the flames under control until the arrival of the firemen. Justice McCall carried Mrs. Somerville, who is 70 years of age, and infirm, to the street, after she had violently protested against leaving the house that had sheltered her and her family for more than half a century. She was taken to the home of the supreme court justice at No. 321 West Eighty-sixth street and remained there until the firemen had done their work.

**Kaiser Preaches an Easter Sermon.**

Messina, Italy, April 27.—The German imperial yacht Hohenzollern was profusely decorated with flowers and plants in celebration of Easter. Dr. Goens, the German court chaplain, came from Berlin expressly to perform a service in the chapel of the yacht in the presence of Emperor William, the imperial family and their suites and the staffs of the German ships at present in this harbor. At the conclusion of the service the emperor delivered a sermon, expounding a text from the Bible. At luncheon, where there were present all of the local authorities, the emperor in conversation showed a thorough knowledge of the Italian language.

**Can Ride Over World Free.**

New York, April 27.—Among the passengers to arrive on the Red Star line steamship Kroonland from Antwerp were seven members of the Belgium delegation to the international railway congress, which convenes in Washington May 2, and Countess d'Haessonville, of Mount Vernon, who has been on a visit to friends in Germany. The railroad delegates were F. Bruneel, Jules Habran, E. Heremans, A. Hodge, E. Holemans, E. Nollet and C. Van Bogert. All of the delegates carried railroad passes good on every railroad in the world.

**Situation in European Russia.**

Borissogloebesk, European Russia, graphed to Interior Minister Bouli-April 27.—The local bourse has telegraphed as follows: The situation in Russia is excessively strained. Besides the discontent in the towns Russia is confronted by a terrible agrarian movement and class hatred is growing. It is absolutely necessary to convolve representatives of the people.

**Hint to Marion County Good Roads Builders.**

The German method of using fruit trees for shade trees along the public highways is not only to be commended on the score of beauty, but from the material, practical, financial point of view as well. In the Grand Duchy of Baden cherry, apple, pear and walnut trees are planted thirty-two feet apart along each side of the road, a special department of the government having charge of the work and maintaining two large nurseries for the propagation of young trees. When the fruit is ready for harvesting it is sold by auction on the tree. The years 1902 and 1903 were not especially good fruit years over there, and yet in 1902 the highway trees brought \$9055 and in 1903 \$5731. In view of the fact that the expenses of the department for the two years were \$4500 and \$4980, respectively, the fruit tree shade tree policy seems to have much to commend it. In the matter of foliage the apple, the pear and cherry tree do not compare with the oak, the maple, the linden and others of our favorite shade trees, but they could doubtless be sometimes profitably put to public use.—New Bedford (Conn.) Standard.

Mrs. E. B. Ricker, one of the pioneer settlers of Lake Weir, is visiting in this city, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Bittinger. Mrs. Ricker is one of those who never lost faith in orange growing, and as a result of her faith, to which was added work, she now has a very pretty bearing grove.

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