

Some Florida Incidents.

Remarkable Schemes and Odd Personality of Man Who Once Cleaned Out Bank at Palatka.

By the death in Philadelphia last week of Thomas Brigham Bishop a curiously picturesque and extraordinary career extending over more than half a century was closed. T. Brigham Bishop had achieved notoriety, if not fame throughout the country, and even the whole world as the composer of "John Brown's Body," "Shoo Fly, Don't Bother Me," "Pretty as a Picture," and more than 300 other songs, many of which were exceedingly popular a generation ago. In addition to this, he was widely known as the bucket-shop king, and had the distinction of opening the first bucket-shop for women in New York.

He was the author of innumerable "get-rich-quick" schemes, and some years ago was the most notable prisoner in the New York Ludlow street jail. He founded the Palatka National Bank in Palatka, Fla., in the early eighties. The institution went into liquidation after two years of existence. He also started a woman's bank in Boston, which was a failure. Still at the time he lived in affluence, and even extravagantly with his wife, who was Louisa Davis, an actress, and at one time one of the best known spirit mediums in this country.

One of his latest exploits was to promote the New England Wireless Telephone Company in 1901, in opposition to the Marconi interests. The bogus nature of this scheme was publicly exposed. He died at his home in Philadelphia of locomotor ataxia last week, at the age of 71.

BEGAN AS A MINSTREL.

T. Brigham Bishop was born in Kennebec county, Maine. Early in

W. W. D.

Jacksonville
Metropolis.

life he became a negro minstrel, and then it was that he composed the melodies which became so popular.

At one time a book of his songs was in regular use in the public schools.

From the negro minstrel stage Bishop graduated into the wider field of banking and brokerage. He blossomed into a full-fledged "syndicate" with a New York downtown office, and an uptown office which furnished the fair sex with opportunities to throw away their money in wildcat speculations without unnecessary publicity, and numerous branch offices.

It was in 1882 that Bishop first became known as the bucketshop king. That year and the following one the rage for speculation ran so high that women and clerks became daily operators, lured by the tempting illusion of rapidly amassing fortunes on small margins. Bishop then had a big bucketshop on Broadway, where ten shares of stock might be bought or sold on margins as low as \$2, that sum representing 2 per cent decline or advance.

His rooms, which he termed "open boards of exchange," were thronged with clerks, women and men of moderate means, and the business grew to vast proportions. Bishop then established similar exchanges in the principal cities of the country, with local managers, but operated by wire from main bucketshop in New York.

LIVED IN LUXURY.

Bishop and his actress wife lived in royal style, dressed in the height of fashion, wore expensive diamonds and drove a spanking team of trotters. Money flowed into his coffers.

OCALA EPWORTH LEAGUE AND THE LIBRARY.

To the Editor of the Ocala Banner:

Our plan, as offered to the public in soliciting votes in the library contest, is not understood by all, and we beg you to give this explanation your attention.

The great need of a public reading room and place of entertainment, conducted under the auspices of some Christian organization, for the young people and others of our city, and visitors among us, has long been a subject under consideration by our society. We have at last decided to act in the matter. Pleasant rooms, convenient to the business center of the city, have been engaged and the work of fitting them up begun.

The possibilities of such a movement are great and it should command the approval and support of all the public spirited people of our city. The public reading room will be established in any event, but we feel that the magnificent library now being contested for would be a most valuable addition, and assure the immediate prominence of the movement.

We are positive in the statement that no other institution in the contest has yet offered a plan, the execution of which promises as great a result as the work we have begun.

Make a full and careful comparison in every particular as to the disposition and use of the library if it was in possession of the several different organizations working for it. Now, note this: If the Epworth League secures this elegant collection of literature, it will be placed at the disposal of every order, church and society in our city. It will not be a private affair in any particular and no one will be deprived of its use.

You have our plan. If it meets with your approval give the Epworth League your votes. Your support in the effort will be highly appreciated.

The excellent vote received thus far is indeed gratifying. We thank our friends. OCALA EPWORTH LEAGUE.

Two Exquisite Flowers.

The Ocala Banner, one of the ablest newspapers in Florida, has passed the forty year mile post of its existence. Hon. Frank Harris has been its editor for all these years. A gifted, forcible writer, his many friends hope that he will yet live for many years to come to preside over the destiny of the Banner and direct its course.—Leesburg Commercial.

No one will deny to Hon. Frank Harris, editor of the Ocala Banner, the distinction of being the "Nestor of the Florida Press." Not only is he one of the oldest men engaged in the business of journalism in Florida, but he possesses a record far more remarkable than any other newspaper man can boast. His excellent journal, of which he was the founder, has recently completed its fortieth year of continuous existence under his management. Long may the Banner wave, and long may genial Frank Harris be its able and distinguished editor!—Tallahassee True Democrat.

A Courtesy Due to Guests.

It is only a pretty courtesy that you can pay your guests by seeing that their names appear in the local paper when they visit you. Should they look over the local paper and find that nearly every guest in town was mentioned and that their names are left out, is it any wonder that they feel slighted? There is no guarantee that the newspaper will get your guest's names unless you see that it gets there. Pay this little courtesy to your friends and see to it that we get their names when they are in town.—Miami News.

Mr. Henry W. Long, of Martel, chairman of the good roads association, has returned home from the meeting of that body at Orlando. The meeting was a very pleasant and profitable one. Mr. Long responded to the address of welcome and Marion county's reports on the condition of her poor farms and her good roads were excellent.

Mrs. James H. Pittman and her daughter, Dorothy, of Jacksonville, have returned home after spending several weeks in Ocala with Dr. Pittman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Pittman.

Miss Louise Scott Gives a Delightful Dancing Party.

Friday night Miss Louise Scott, the lovely young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Scott, who has recently returned home from Agnes Scott Institute, was the hostess at a dancing party. About thirty-five of her young friends were present. The Scott home is so arranged that all of the rooms on the lower floor can be thrown together and is ideal for entertaining.

The dancing was enjoyed until long past midnight and everybody had a jolly, good time.

During the evening refreshments, consisting of fruit punch, "brick" ice cream and cake, were served.

The young set have had a great many parties recently and none have been more thoroughly enjoyed than was Miss Scott's dance last night.

Killed at Brooksville

Mr. L. Horn, of this city, received a telegram Friday that J. Hansel Norman, of the firm of Norman, Weeks and Company, was killed by S. B. Keaggin and requested him to meet the remains at the train in Ocala.

Keaggin was beating one of Norman's negro hands and Norman asked him to desist; this angered Keaggin and he whipped out a pistol and fired upon Norman, and the innocent and unfortunate young man died in a few minutes. The murderer fled and at last accounts had not been captured.

Mr. Horn accompanied the remains to Norman Park, Ga., where the obsequies took place Saturday.

No Secret About It.

It is no secret that for cuts, burns, ulcers, fever sores, sore eyes, boils etc., nothing is so effective as Bucklen's Arnica Salve. "It doesn't take long to cure a bad sore I had, and it is all o. k. for sore eyes." Writes D. L. Gregory, of Hoke, Tex. 25c. at Tydings & Co.'s drug store. m

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whisky, the analysis of which shows it to contain:

Alcohol (by weight), per cent.....	36.66
Alcohol (by volume), per cent.....	43.61
Degree proof, per cent.....	87.10
Residue on evaporation, per cent.....	0.660
Ash, per cent.....	9.011
Reducing sugar, per cent.....	0.225
Volatiles acids, per cent.....	0.027
Amyl alcohol (fusel oil), per cent.....	0.073

The above results show the whisky to be a carefully blended brand of high grade

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The Bonds as an Investment.

Let us make a practical inquiry about the proposed bond issue and draw a logical deduction therefrom.

Let us suppose that Hon. H. A. Ford, president of the Central National Bank of Ocala, becomes the purchaser of the bonds. Will he become "bloated" on his investment as some of our correspondents expressly declare.

Let's see how his investment at least will look on paper.

Mr. Ford will get in return for his \$50,000 four per cent. interest bearing bonds in the sum of \$50,000.

Now, if these bonds were not taxable Mr. Ford would make a clear profit of four per cent. on his investment. But bonds are taxable. These bonds become taxable whether they are held within or without the state.

They will be assessed at their full cash value, and will be subject to a state tax, a county tax, a municipal tax and a sub-school district tax, amounting all told to three and three quarter per cent.

Figuring out Mr. Ford's profit we find that it will amount to exactly a quarter of a cent on the dollar.

But this is based on the 1904 taxes. We are informed that the 1905 taxes will reach four per cent., so the interest and the taxes will be a set off.

If Mr. Ford becomes the purchaser of the bonds he will not do so as a cold business proposition but purely in his capacity as a philanthropist.

"Suffer Little Children to Come Unto Me."

Friday afternoon at half past six o'clock, Eulala, the pretty little golden haired daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Hopkins, passed away after an illness of several weeks with typhoid fever. The little girl was about three years old and was the idol of her parents' hearts. In their bereavement they have the deep sympathy of their friends. The funeral was held at three o'clock Thursday afternoon and the little body was laid to rest in the old cemetery. Rev. L. W. Moore, of the Methodist church, conducting the funeral.

A Bad Scare.

Some day you will get a bad scare when you feel a pain in your bowels, and fear appendicitis. Safety lies in Dr. King's New Life Pills, a sure cure for all bowel and stomach diseases, such as headache, biliousness, costiveness, etc., guaranteed at Tydings & Co.'s, only 25c. Try them. m

Death of Mrs. Meeker.

Mrs. Meeker, the beloved wife of Capt. H. W. Meeker, of Homosassa, died at their home at that place last Wednesday night.

The deceased was over seventy years of age and had been ill for many months. She was a devoted wife and mother and her death is greatly deplored. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved ones.

The funeral was held in this city Friday morning soon after the Homosassa train arrived. The remains were laid to rest in Greenwood cemetery by the side of her daughter.

It has just been learned that Dr. Edgar Estes has been married for several months. His bride was Miss Louise Thompson, whom he had known for several years. It was the wish of his parents that he remain single until after graduating, but the fact was known to them soon after the wedding. Dr. Estes recently graduated from the University of Virginia, and is now house surgeon at the Martha Jefferson Hospital at Charlottesville, Va.—St. Augustine cor. in Times-Union. Mrs. Estes spent the winter in Ocala and was a guest at Mrs. C. Phillips'.

Acute Rheumatism.

Deep, tearing or wrenching pains, occasioned by getting wet through; worse when at rest, or on first moving the limbs and in cold or damp weather, is cured quickly, by Ballard's Snow Liniment, Oscar O. Olson, Gibson, City, Ill., writes, Feb. 16th, 1902: "A year ago I was troubled with a pain in my back. It soon got so bad I could not bend over. One bottle of Ballard's Snow Liniment cured me." All druggists. m

Miss Edna Delp, of German Valley, New Jersey, who has been spending the past six months at Cornell with her sister, Mrs. E. C. Welsh, left Friday for her home. Mrs. Welsh accompanied her and will remain with her parents for several months. They sailed Saturday from Jacksonville for New York. Mr. Welsh went with them as far as Jacksonville. Miss Delp made many friends while here who hope for another visit from her next winter.

Mrs. S. D. Turnley and children, who have been visiting Mrs. Turnley's mother, Mrs. F. R. Gary in Ocala for some weeks have returned home.