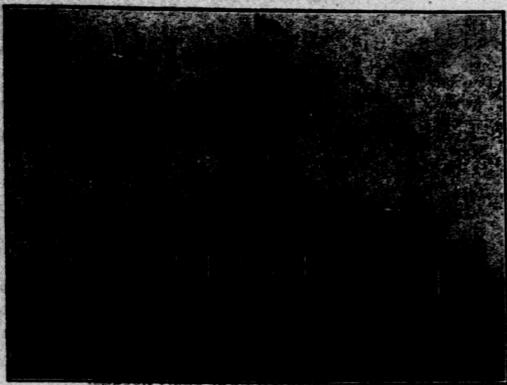


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WARTMANN'S 'GATOR BILL

Truly Consistency Thou Art a Jewel.
To the Editor Ocala Banner:

Crab apples and sour lemons! What remarkable things we often see in print! Read the following paragraph, for instance, from the big T.-U.:

"Talk about indignation," said a citizen of Marion county yesterday, "you will find it along the banks of the Ocklawaha river since the Wartmann law protecting all 'gators on that river has been in force. There are farmers along that river who swear that the alligators have gotten wise to the law and have gone on a rampage. They are charging that the 'gator family is devouring hogs and sheep, and that the next victims will be the cattle."

Now, I want it understood in the beginning that old Peter Stanley is not taking Mr. Wartmann's fight on his hands. Think the gentleman is quite sufficiently able to take care of himself as for that matter. But I want to spend a few remarks on general principles to the account of the newspaper man, who, by the way, always has space and cash and time plenty and some to spare—not much.)

The above paragraph is an extremely low specimen of consistency to appear in such a newspaper as the Times-Union. Surely it must have accidentally dropped in; or passed the man eye and cultured brain of that paper's able editor.

We do not believe there is such indignation along the banks of the Ocklawaha. And we reside within a few miles of that remarkable stream with its winding waters, too.

There is quite as many, and very probably a good many more 'gators to the square mile in the immediate neighborhood of old Stanley's residence as there is on the mystical stream referred to. There is scarcely even a hog, sheep or cow destroyed by them here, and there is plenty of that kind of stock. People even turn their horses on the prairies to graze without fear of those animals being swallowed up by the vicious (?) 'gators.

Such a paragraph—getting down to brass tacks—is an injustice to Marion county's able representative, and it is in this official capacity that we refer to Mr. Wartmann. The bill referred to, when taken in its proper sense, when analyzed from a just standpoint, when considered in the same light as it was by that able body of representatives when they passed it, is absolutely to the reverse of causing indignation among the farmers along the river banks. The bill protects these farmers' stock from the careless and reckless huntsman and sportsman who either shoot the 'gators for mere sport or for the paltry price of a skin. Among this class there may be a wave of indignation.

Mr. Wartmann made an enviable record in the legislature, and the intelligent, thinking, reading citizens of Marion feel justly proud of him, and this certainly includes those enterprising farmers along the Ocklawaha.

In the above paragraph we do not assume the position that Mr. Wartmann's opponents are not intelligent. Any man may have opposition by intelligent people even though they recognize his ability and position for the right.

Mr. Wartmann is a progressive

citizen and an aggressive worker. In point of age he is edging to his best. He has experience to largely fortify against mistakes; and yet, he is not the slightest tinged with the infirmities of old age. He is, individually, a successful business man, and therefore can better be entrusted with the business of the people. His success is attributed to a strict application of system, forethought and common sense. And while he helps himself he helps others. He is genial, social and easy to approach, and yet he is firm, positive and self-willed enough to put his honest convictions in effect.

These attempts at defense are made absolutely without Mr. Wartmann's knowledge or consent, he being a public official we assume the right. The fact is we believe his good work in the legislature was universally recognized throughout the state, and if old Marion sees fit to push him on up the ladder of fame a notch, its none of the big T.-U.'s business to be shaking the tree just to see how hard and fast he is sticking to the limb. PETER STANLEY.

Pine, Fla., July 23.

CHOLERA INFANTUM

Child Not Expected to Live from One Hour to Another, but Cured by Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy.

Ruth, the little daughter of E. N. Dewey of Agueville, Va., was seriously ill of cholera infantum last summer. "We gave her up and did not expect her to live from one hour to another," he says. "I happened to think of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy and got a bottle of it from the store. In five hours I saw a change for the better. We kept on giving it and before she had taken the half of one small bottle she was well." This remedy is for sale by all Druggists.

The Epworth League.

The Epworth League will open their reading rooms Friday afternoon and evening, and cordially invite the public to be present.

The rooms are located over the Tea Pot grocery and are free to all who wish to come in and read. This is a very commendable enterprise and we hope the new reading rooms will be very popular. The League expects to make it a very attractive place and it will be worth going to for a short while every day. The rooms will be open both in the afternoons and in the evenings.

Good for Constipation and Stomach Trouble.

"Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets have done me a great deal of good," says C. Towns, of Rat Portage, Ontario, Canada. "Being a mild physic the after effects are not unpleasant, and I can recommend them to all who suffer from stomach disorder." For sale by all druggists.

Mr. Charles K. Sage, of the Western Union telegraph operator, received his full shock of the lightning Monday afternoon, but escaped without injury. The report which followed the lightning flash was the most terrific heard this season and it in turn was followed by a terrific wind, which blew down several trees and fences. A large oak on Ocklawaha avenue just at the corner of Mr. S. A. Standley's residence was blown down.

GOV. CARTER VISITS PRESIDENT.

Chief Executive of Hawaii is Guest at Sagamore Hill.

Oyster Bay, L. I., July 25.—Governor George B. Carter, of Hawaii, called on the president today. He came to the United States for the express purpose of presenting to the president a statement of the difficulties in Hawaii.

In his appointment to succeed Governor Sanford B. Dole, who was designated as a United States judge for the district of Hawaii, Mr. Carter has had trouble both with the citizens and the officials of the territory. He intimated his determination to resign the governorship. The matter was considered for a time and then an arrangement was made by which Governor Carter was to come to the United States to discuss the Hawaiian situation with the president. He is here in accordance with the arrangement. Governor Carter's desire is not so much to resign his official duties as to obtain from the president assurances that his administration shall have the support of the national government. The governor arrived from New York in time to take luncheon with the president and Mrs. Roosevelt.

PLAN TO ERECT MONUMENT.

Citizens of San Diego, Cal., Will Honor the Bennington's Dead.

San Diego, Cal., July 25.—While the government will place over the Bennington victims buried at Fort Rosecrans, the people of San Diego propose to give them a memorial in a more conspicuous locality.

The plan is to erect a handsome monument, suitably inscribed in the city park. The naval reserves have started a subscription for this purpose and already a considerable sum has been pledged.

It is not doubted that ample funds will promptly be raised to carry out the patriotic undertaking in a fitting manner.

Chief Engineer Will Investigate.

Washington, July 25.—Commander G. B. Ransom, chief engineer officer of the Mare Island Navy yard, where the last repairs to the Bennington's boilers were made, has today proceeded to San Diego. It is expected he will be able to give information valuable in the investigation as to the condition of the vessel at the time.

Negro Assailant Arrested.

Memphis, Tenn., July 25.—A special to the News-Scimitar from Cairo, Ill., says that Miss Fannie Simmons, a white girl 16 years old, was criminally assaulted near Willard last night by a negro who entered her room while she slept. The negro held a knife against the girl's throat to prevent any outcry. When the negro fled, the girl alarmed the house and pursuit was given. Bob Bell, a negro identified by the girl as her assailant, was captured and turned over to officers to be brought to the jail here. A mob pursued the officers, but the latter, on discovering the pursuit, eluded the mob and safely landed their prisoner in jail.

Sen. Wetmore Undergoes Operation.

New York, July 25.—United States Senator George Peabody Wetmore, of Rhode Island, who came to this city a few days ago for the purpose of undergoing a surgical operation is stated to be convalescent. He expects to return in a few days to his home in Newport. Mrs. Wetmore said last night that in 1903 while driving in Newport he was thrown to the roadway and sustained a fracture of the right upper arm which was complicated by a dislocation of the shoulder. The difficulty of setting the bone and later of reducing the dislocation, caused him much pain at times and made the present operation necessary.

Cotton Advanced 30 Points.

New Orleans, July 25.—Cotton advanced more than 30 points by the noon hour because of the worst crop reports so far received this season. Many of the private reports were that the fields being flooded, all hope was now past of raising even a half crop. Some of the upland farmers say their cotton has been washed out by the roots. It is raining today pretty well all over the belt. At 12 o'clock October was 31 points higher, at 11 c; December 31 points higher, at 11.04c; and January 30 points higher at 11.08c.

Revolution is Threatened.

New York, July 25.—Rumors are being circulated about a threatened revolutionary outbreak, at Buenos Ayres and Rosario, says a Herald dispatch from the former city. Upon warning received from Rosario by the minister of war, troops were held in readiness throughout Saturday night and other precautionary measures adopted, but no untoward incident occurred and it is believed the promoters of the movement were weakened.

Drowned While Bathing.

Columbus, Ga., July 25.—Porter Smith, a young man of Harris county, was drowned in Mulberry creek near Ben Shoe, Ga. He was in bathing with a number of companions and sank in 15 feet of water. Shaffer Hargett tried to rescue him and came near losing his own life, as the drowning man caught him and carried him to the bottom before he could pull loose from him.

TEXAS OIL FIELD A BLAZING FURNACE

Nearly a Mile Square Covered With Burning Fluid.

THE LIST OF DEAD NUMBER FIVE

Many Hundreds of People Are Homeless—Lightning Struck Large Tank and Ignited the Oil—All Efforts to Subdue Flame Futile.

Humble, Tex., July 25.—Covering an area of three quarters of a mile square with a great smoke covering two square miles, the oil tanks of the Texas company continue to boil and bubble under the great heat of the burning oil, the fire having burned all night. When it can be extinguished no one guesses. Certainly not until it has burned all of the oil in the 11 big tanks, which held 2,500,000 barrels when lightning struck them Sunday afternoon.

It is now known that five of the negro workmen perished and the rumors place the number of dead as high as 50, though this cannot be confirmed. There are hundreds of homeless people, many of them only awaiting a train to go to Houston for shelter. They were living in tents and shacks in the oil fields, and fled for their lives to the town away from danger. They left all their belongings and fled.

During the whole of the night there was a heavy downpour of rain and this covered the ground with a sheet of water coating which is a thick film of oil. If this catches fire, then it is possible that the tanks of the Guffey company, the Sun company, and the smaller owners may go. These tanks hold 4,500,000 barrels of oil.

Shortly after the big tank began to blaze, 200 workmen with 75 mules, were hurried to the place to throw up an earth embankment to confine the fire to the tank where it originated. Suddenly the oil gave an upheaval, bubbled and lifted a great mass of the burning fluid bodily out of the tank and was communicated to three other of the tanks. The burning oil caught the men and mules and hemmed them in. There was a wild scramble for safety, the men dropping their scrapers and reins and fleeing. Some of them mounted mules and got away, but at least 40 of the mules balked and were cremated. Five negroes were seen to go down and it is not believed possible they could have escaped. While all of the men have not been accounted for, these five are all that are centrally known to have perished.

At 4 o'clock this morning fire broke out in the steel tanks of the Texas company at the pumping station, a mile from the original fire. What damage is being done cannot be ascertained yet because it is impossible to reach that part of the field.

Deluge of Smoke Threatens Houston.

Houston, Tex., July 25.—The fire which started in the Humble oil field yesterday by lightning striking a tank of the Texas company, is still raging, with no prospect of its immediate control. It is believed, however, that the flames will be confined to the tankage district and will not spread to the oil field property. There are three million barrels of oil in the storage tanks, all of which will be destroyed. At 10 o'clock today the losses were estimated at \$750,000 or more, with practically no insurance.

Reports of fatalities have not been verified, although a number of men are missing.

The conflagration was visible in Houston, 17 miles away, and in Galveston, 65 miles distant, all last night and today. Houston is threatened with a deluge of stifling smoke, which is now banked in the sky above the city.

Cotton Beginning to Open.

Augusta, July 25.—Cotton is beginning to open in this section, but it will be ten days or two weeks before there will be any picking to amount to anything. Well developed bolls, holding superior grades of the fleecy staple, and the plants showing every indication of prolific production, were exhibited in the city Saturday, and created general interest. Augusta receipts continue to hold up well; ranging from 500 to a 1,000 bales daily. The bulk of this is coming from farmers and is being held for higher prices. The receipts for the year are expected to exceed 430,000 bales.

New York, July 24.—A report to the effect that John F. Wallace, formerly engineer of the Panama canal, was to become president of the Seaboard Air Line, was denied today by Chairman James A. Blair, of the Seaboard's executive committee. Mr. Blair said there were absolutely no foundation for the report.

Rioters Kill Many.

St. Petersburg, July 25.—Telegrams from Nizhi Novgorod say that the town was for five hours yesterday in the hands of thousands of roughs who murderously attacked every respectable person they met in the street. Numbers of persons were killed or injured, the rioters breaking into houses in pursuit of their victims.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

Read This Carefully.

In answer to numerous inquiries I desire to state to my friends and business acquaintances throughout the south, that I have no interest in, or connection with the Ludden & Bates Southern Music House, established by Wm. Ludden and myself in 1870. Mr. Ludden and myself and Jaspersen Smith, many years associated with us, are now interested in the LUDDEN-CAMPBELL-SMITH Co., of Jacksonville, Fla. So far as I am aware not a single individual who helped to make the Ludden & Bates name so well known throughout the South is now connected with the same.

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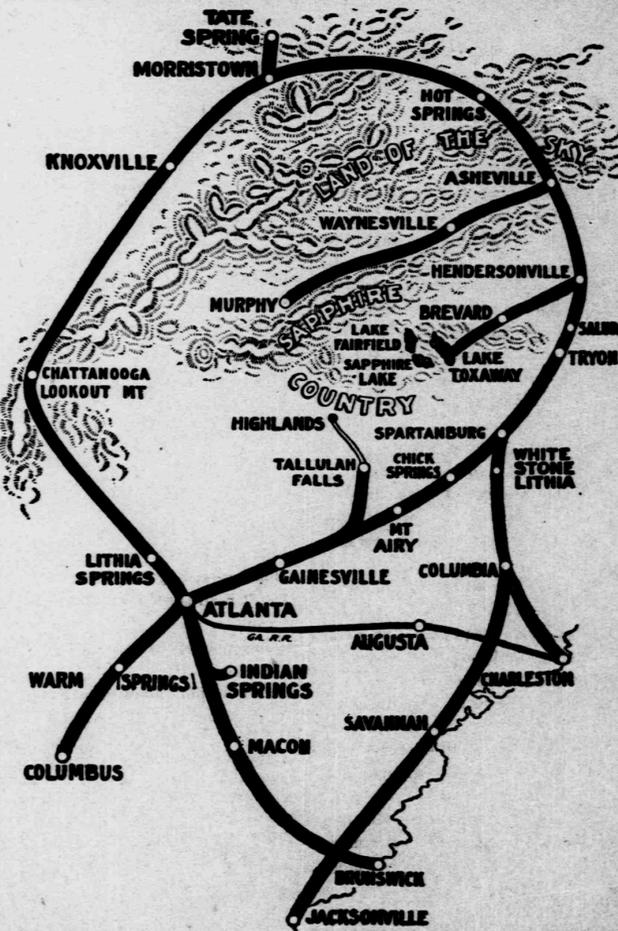
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