

SOME "FLORIDA INCIDENTS." A Squall on the Gulf and the Consternation it Produced. A NEGRO PREACHER TELLS THE STORY.

Eight or ten miles from the mouth of the Withlacoochee river in Florida, ships are loaded with phosphate rock for transportation to Europe.

About a year and a half ago, when the enterprise was first inaugurated, during a heavy northeast blow one of the houseboats went adrift, the master stevedore being on board the ship at the time, and nothing but a crowd of darkies on board the houseboat.

The other day while at Port Inglis, Withlacoochee river, I met the old cook of the houseboat, who was on her during the storm, and he described the involuntary voyage as follows: "You knows, cap'n, dat wuz de wickedest lot of men dat eber put dey foot off'n de dry lan'."

"When dat blow cum up an' dey all t'ought dey wuz gwine down to de bottum ob de sea, Lawd Ermighty, chille, how dey did git skeered! Dey kum to me and dey say, 'Uncle Ben, ain't yo' dun 'sperienced 'ligion?'

said, 'Sho.' Dey said, 'We want yo' to kum an' pray fer us.' An' I tole 'em dat I didn't much want to pray fer 'em, it wouldn't do any good; dat I done had my ideas 'bout 'pentance. But dey 'sisted, an', 'sides, myse'f, I did n't feel as tho' I'd like to be 'lone wif all dose people on 'board, if I wuz gwine down, so I went, and dar wuz all dem niggars dar in de cabin'.

"An' I knows dis, de nex' time I gits blowed out to sea wid a lot of scattermellons dat I'pe gwine to let 'em drown, fo' I prays fo' de salvacation of dere souls an' bodies ergin."

GEORGIA LEGISLATORS BUSY.

May Pass Anti-Cigarette Law—Other Bills Before Solons.

Atlanta, August 7.—It begins to look very much as if there might be some anti-cigarette legislation by the present general assembly. The house of representatives showed Friday that it was not such a warm friend of the cigarette when it voted by a good majority to increase the tax on cigarette dealers from \$10 to \$25.

The house committee on immigration submitted to the house a favorable report on the bill by Mr. Lawrence, of Chatham, providing for the appointment of a state commissioner of commerce and immigration, and it is said the measure will meet with considerable favor when it comes up for consideration.

What tax ought the liquor dealers pay the state for the privilege of doing business will be the subject of the debate in the house of representatives on Monday.

Indications of a coming storm along this line were apparent at Friday's session.

An afternoon session of the house was held Friday at 3 o'clock for the purpose of transacting certain routine business, such as reading senate bills the first and second time, and house bills a second time. No bills were passed.

The one hundred and one counties whose tax digests have been received at the office of the comptroller general show aggregate net gains of \$20,104,347, according to figures compiled Friday by Captain W. H. Harrison, chief clerk of the office.

In the Senate.

Several important measures were passed by the senate Friday before going into joint session with the house to hear Chancellor Walter B. Hill.

A bill by Senator Blalock, of the thirty-fifth, of considerable local interest, providing for the election of extra judges in certain judicial circuits, was passed.

This is a general measure, but at present will relate only to the Atlanta circuit. The bill provides for the election of an extra judge where the population and business of the circuit demands. There was some opposition to the bill, but when the vote was taken only four or five senators cast their ballots against it.

Senator Wheatley's military bill providing for a codification of the military laws of the state was passed.

SANFORD'S TRIAL STOPPED.

Death of Juror's Mother Causes a Temporary Suspension.

Rome, Ga., August 7.—Death has stopped the Sanford murder trial temporarily at least.

Last night, after the jury had been out ten hours, the announcement was made that Mrs. Brandon, the mother of Juror W. A. Brandon, was dead. By consent of counsel on both sides and the order of the court, Mr. Brandon was permitted to go to his home, 7 miles distant in the country. He went under escort of Bailiff Baxter. The funeral will probably be conducted this afternoon.

Until the return of Mr. Brandon the remaining eleven jurors will be held under guard of bailiffs.

There has been no intimation, of course, or any source of information which would show the standing of the Sanford jury. The interruption that has come to the case has only added to the interest and impatience of the public, yet there is nothing to do but wait.

Three Killed By Train.

Huntington, W. Va., August 7.—The Guyandotte Valley passenger train from Logan to this city had an unlucky run Friday, killing three men and injuring another.

Frank Adkins was struck by the train shortly after leaving Logan, while crossing the track and instantly killed. A companion was seriously injured. John Ashan, an aged farmer of Barbourville, was killed as the train reached that point. He stood on the track directly in front of the train thinking that it ran upon another track. While the engine was returning to the roundhouse after arriving in this city, George Zircle, who was walking on the track, was struck and instantly killed.

Drowned While Seining.

Cordele, Ga., August 7.—Jim Nelson, 35 years old, who lived near Tippetville, was drowned while seining in Ocmulgee river. The funeral occurred at Tippetville, Ga., the body having been recovered by his companions without trouble. It is supposed he was seized with cramps. Nelson was a prominent and prosperous farmer and a Mason of high standing. He is survived by his wife and five small children.

Trainman Killed by Mail Crane.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Aug. 7.—W. A. Dupree, a flagman on a freight train which left Atlanta Thursday, was hit on the head by a mail crane near Dalton at 10 o'clock this morning. He was brought to this city, but died en route. He resides at Powder Springs. He was 20 years of age. The body was shipped to his home.

ROBBERS CHASED THROUGH STREETS

Chicago Police Run Them For Several Squares.

INNOCENT PERSONS ARE SHOT

Four Officers Make an Attempt to Arrest the Burglars Who Were Trying to Sell Their Booty—After Long Chase They Escaped.

Chicago, August 7.—Four officers of the police force last night sent a fusillade of shots after two robbers who had stolen goods valued at \$2,500 from a baggage car standing in the yards on West Sixteenth street. The robbers escaped without their booty, but three innocent persons were shot by the officers, none seriously, however. The wounded are Lieutenant James Larkin, shot in the wrist.

Morris C. Cohen, shot in the leg. Mrs. Cohen, ear shot off.

The robbers loaded the booty on a wagon and drove to Israel Jacobson's shop, where they tried to sell the plunder to Jacobson. He kept them dicker-ing while his son ran to notify the police.

Detective Voss saw the thieves half a block down Union street and was the first to fire, after his command to halt had been ignored. Then Lieutenant Larkin started to empty his gun and Officers O'Hara and Sullivan joined in the running fusillade, but the robbers hurried away on foot.

The party turned up Barker street and at length rounded into Halstead. Larkin breathless, halted at the corner a moment, aimed directly at the fleeing thieves and fired three shots, only one took effect, and hat was in his own wrist.

Followed by several hundred persons who had been attracted by the shooting, the thieves ran until they reached a convenient spot, where they then jumped into a buggy and escaped.

Cohen and his wife who were sitting in front of their stoop, were hit by stray bullets.

TOUGHS SMASH GLASS WINDOWS.

Notorious Paul Kelly Gang Plays Havoc on New York East Side.

New York, August 7.—The notorious Paul Kelly gang to which much lawlessness and crime have been attributed, began a temporary reign of terror in the lower East Side today by a raid and window smashing of stores within half a block of police headquarters in Mulberry street and ended by beating a man so badly that he may not recover.

With plateglass windows crashing, first on one side and then on the other side of the street, in the vicinity of Houston and the Bowery, 50 angry policemen tried in vain to catch the elusive robbers.

A coffee house was next raided, the gang's only object being to smash up the dishes which was done after the waiters had been thrown into the street. The police were hot on the trail of the toughs by this time, and were just in time to rescue Christa Colojanesa, a Greek, whose face had been lacerated and two ribs broken.

The gang were robbing him of pennies and nickels. Only one of the members of the gang was caught.

Insect Destroying Cotton Fields.

Carrollton, Ga., August 7.—Reports brought in from the district of Plowshare, a very prosperous farming district, are to the effect that a small insect, much resembling the "doodle," has attacked the cotton and whole fields are being ravaged. The insect bores into the young boll near the stem, and the boll drops off. There are a number of fields that promised a bale to the acre before this insect began its destructive work that at present show no prospect of a yield. The insect is spreading from one field to another at a rapid rate, and the cotton of this section may be ruined. This insect has never been seen before by anybody in the community.

To Attend Reciprocity Conference.

New York, August 7.—At a meeting of the board of governors of the New York Produce Exchange yesterday, a resolution was adopted empowering the president to appoint a committee of five to attend the national reciprocity conference at Chicago on Aug. 16 and 17.

Boycott on at Yokohama.

Yokohama, August 7.—The boycott against America has started here, the Chinese refusing to handle freight on the Pacific mail steamer Manchuria, for Hong Kong. The Chinese will hold a meeting tomorrow to organize the movement.

Attends Mrs. Carlisle's Funeral.

White Face, N. H., August 7.—Grover Cleveland and Mrs. Cleveland left their summer home to day for West Islip, L. I., where they will attend the funeral of Mrs. John G. Carlisle, wife of President Cleveland's secretary of the treasury.

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That yellow fever case at Tampa is now a back number. It served a good purpose. It made the health officers more vigilant and the state is now on a splendid sanitary footing.

Mr. George R. Brown, of Little Rock, in an article printed in the Manufacturers' Record, of Baltimore, says that Arkansas is an undeveloped empire.

Federal laws are sadly defective in the matter of providing punishment for criminal office holders, but then, you see, the framers of the laws had no idea that graft and government positions would be so indissolubly united.—N. Y. American.

Gen. Robert Bullock is dead. He was, politically speaking, the grand old man of Florida, in that his public record antedated all others now in official life. And he left a good record, both as a citizen, a soldier and a civil official. The story of his private life and honorable public achievements will live as long as the state survives.—Jasper News.

We learn from the Ocala papers that promoter John D. Robertson, well and favorably known in this county, will soon erect a tick block in Ocala.—Sumterville Times.

J. D. is a hustler and for reason he has not got all of John D. Rockefeller's name is not because he doesn't know how to hule and get there.

Senator Depew, it is aimed, is a director in seventy different companies, and yet has time to practice his profession, play the role of special counsel, and to his duties as United States senator and court and marry a young wife. Now, will Dr. Osler be a quiet.

The last issue of the Sevanee Democrat printed an extra section containing the pieces of Liv Oak's beautiful court house and many of her magnificent references. Liv Oak is putting on a splendid growth and her population is increased five thousand in six yrs. This edition of the Democrat a splendid and creditable publication and we are glad to note the editor she is keeping right with the procession. He is printing a beautiful and interesting newspaper.

Nagging.

The propensity to nag, says Mrs. Mary E. Bryan, in the Sunny South, indicates a weak nature. A strong mind conquers its opponent when necessary without much ado; or it sees when opposition is futile, and wisely abandons the effort. Strong natures give in and yield their wills when it is wise to do this, but the weaker temperament, which always has obstinacy as a characteristic holds out and takes it out in nagging. Self-will and a strong will are not the same. The possessor of a strong will can resign himself when this is the right course, and be none the weaker, while the self-willed individual holds to his course—simply through obstinacy and self-conceit. Constant nagging defeats its object. Children and servants soon pay no attention to one who is perpetually nagging and objecting. They become accustomed to it, and take it as part of the daily unpleasantness as such so as dust and flies. Children should be early taught to obey at once. The practice of repeating a command entails a loss of respect for their parents on the part of the child. He learns to hope that between the nagging acts, there may be a chance to escape altogether.

"He never worries over anything," said the husband of a celebrated beauty when his wife's youthful looks were commented upon. "She takes everything calmly." An old lady of ninety-six, living at Stone mountain near from me was asked what was her secret for long life with a fair preservation of health and mental faculties thrown in.

What was her habits?

"What did she eat? She answered: "I lived along like other folks and whatever victuals I liked and could eat, but I never worried over troubles. If I could help them, I'd try to do it; if I couldn't I'd just quit talking and thinking about them."

The aged keeps crying over his spilled milk, and laying the blame of it upon me, if an offending human agent is to be found. He frets himself and others over what had been done and can't be helped and thus wastes a deal of good force and makes a sad amount of unhappiness for himself and unpleasantness for others.

M. E. B.

Dr. Sheldon Striger, a popular young practicing physician of Brooksville and Fivay, was in Ocala on Friday for a few hours.