

OLD TIMES IN MARION.

A Very Interesting Account of the Early Days of Our History By W. W. Ciyatt.

Recently "Old Times" through the columns of the Banner contributed several interesting articles, giving incidents of the early history of the county.

While I can furnish no personal incidents, I have gathered from the records some information that may be of interest touching the pioneer days of Marion county.

Florida was admitted as a state in the Union March 21st, 1845, having been a territory about twenty five years, but the exact age of Marion county I have been unable to determine. Was it created or organized in the territorial days or not? It appears from a marginal note in the Revised Statutes to have been created by an act of the legislature Dec. 20, 1845, but we find a marriage record dated Dec. 5, 1844, the license being issued by Alexander McLeod, clerk of the court. This, the first marriage to occur in the county, according to the records, was James C. Ballard and Adeline Beal. Ballard entered 100 acres of land in what we now call "Marshall Swamp" near Sharp's Ferry, under the "Armed Occupation Act" of congress. He sold it to Blake A. Carter in 1852.

The first deed recorded was April 20, 1845, from Benjamin Hern to John Gore for slaves.

While the county seems to have been provided with a clerk as far back as 1844, there is no record of a meeting of the board of county commissioners until Feb. 20, 1846, which is shown to have been held at Ft. King. At this time the judge of probate (now termed county judge) was ex-officio president of the county commissioners; the office was filled by John M. McClinton, the other members being Thomas Barnes, Abraham Geiger, S. F. Halliday and John Morrison, all except the latter are very familiar to one who has gone through the records. At this meeting the board appointed John G. Reardon county treasurer, who was instructed to purchase from the United States, in the name of the county, two hundred acres for a county site and that the county site should be known by the name of "Ocala." The record does not show which member introduced the same, or explain the meaning of the word. E. D. Howse, sheriff and tax collector, presented his bond with John Scott and Wiley Brooks as sureties.

The next meeting of the board was held April 6, 1846, and recites that Samuel R. Mattair, tax assessor, made his report showing total state taxes levied for 1845 was \$614.79 and for 1846 \$998.01.

The board adopted plans for a court house which was to be 20 by 28 feet, and commissioners Barnes and Geiger were authorized to award contract and see that it was built according to plans.

The board then adjourned until Sept. 7, 1846, at which meeting it is shown that the court house had been built by James Carruthers, and he was ordered paid \$255.00 in full for building it. It must have been an imposing temple of justice, but does not seem to have lasted very long, as a second court house was built in 1851 by Joseph A. Barbee.

There is no record of a term of the circuit court until Dec. 1848, but there was undoubtedly terms held prior to this, as it was part of the contract to furnish the court house in time to hold the fall term in 1846. Geo. S. Hawkins, judge of the western circuit, presided at this term, but Thomas Douglass was judge of the eastern circuit. Felix Livingston was state's attorney. Nothing worthy of note is found unless it is the trial and conviction of James Goff of an "affray" who was fined five cents and costs. It is to be presumed that an "affray" was no serious matter in those days.

Another glance at the marriage record will suffice for this article, the second marriage was that of William E. Tiner and Margaret O'Neal, June 30, 1845, followed on March 6, by James W. Pyles and Frances Barnes, then on March 19, 1845, we find what

was evidently a double wedding as it included a brother and sister, the contracting parties being Ashely H. Brooks and Martha Rawls, and Neil Ferguson and Nancy Brooks. All of the parties mentioned in this article, the latter, Mrs. Ferguson, so far as I know is the only survivor. Her marriage antedates by two days the admission of the state into the Union. She has great grandchildren living in Ocala, and has probably lived longer in Marion county than any other living person.

Tampa's Enterprise is Cited.

As an instance of the way enterprising cities secure the location of manufacturing plants we may cite Tampa, Florida. The Tampa Board of Trade makes public the statement that Tampa citizens have, in the past twenty years, donated the sum of \$600,000 to secure the location of cigar manufactures, and that land owners have donated \$100,000 in lands for sites for factories. As a result of this liberal policy Tampa has grown from 5000 fifteen years ago to 16,000 five years ago, and over 20,000 today. And this growth is almost entirely the result of the establishment of factories, a large part of which are manufactured tobacco products.—California Citigraph.

A Former Citizen of Ocala Dies.

After a long period of invalidism, Delmar E. Peacock, formerly of Niles, died at the city hospital last night aged 48 years. The funeral will be held at the Methodist Episcopal church at Owasco Thursday morning at 11 o'clock. A brief service will be held at Gross' undertaking rooms at 9 o'clock. The interment will be in Owasco Rural cemetery.—Auburn, (N. Y.) Daily Advertiser.

Mr. Peacock was formerly deputy U. S. Marshal for this district and resided in Ocala. His friends here will regret very much to hear of his death.

Insomnia and Indigestion Cured.

"Last year I had a very severe attack of indigestion. I could not sleep at night and suffered much excruciating pains for three hours after each meal. I was froubled this way for about three months when I used Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. For sale by all druggists. m

An Aged Man Called to His Reward.

Rev. Willis M. Russell, eighty-three years of age, father of Rufus A. Russell, of the Jacksonville Metropolitan, and A. M. C. Russell, of the Brooksville Argus, is dead. He owned the first printing office and printed the first newspaper we ever read—The Bainbridge (Ga.) Argus, which was printed in the 50's, and was the most prominent paper in southern Georgia. Besides being an editor Mr. Russell was a Methodist preacher, and led an active, useful life; died beloved and honored, and his memory is revered by all who knew him.

To Leave Ocala.

Last Wednesday it was definitely decided that the large rim and spoke factory of Hoopes Bros. & Darlington would move from Ocala to Brooksville. Messrs. Wm. Hoopes, president of the company; O. W. Reagan, their Florida representative; Frank A. Teague, of Ocala, and W. E. Law, of Brooksville, were in conference when the above decision was reached, and a deal was closed for six acres with Mr. J. J. Hale, located near the western end of the A. C. L. spur.—Brooksville Star.

The Greatest Living Baptist.

Dr. J. B. Cranfill, of Texas, according to some of our exchanges, proposes to crown Dr. B. H. Carroll, of the same state, as the greatest living Baptist. Texas always does large things and such an ambition is by no means to be despised nor are Texas Baptists unworthy of the distinction this would confer on them.—Southern Baptist Witness.

Dr. Carroll is, we believe, the father of Rev. C. C. Carroll of this city.

Turpentine and Saw Mill Timber for Sale.

I have two large bodies of turpentine and saw mill timber, one in west Florida and one in south Florida, for sale. Address C. J. Blassengame, Pine, Fla. 9 15 tf

A KICK.

The Hog all Right as a Food Product But no Good in Business Circles.

To the Editor of the Banner: Oh, where, oh where, is our officer the one hired by the city to keep the cows and hogs, etc., off the public square. For the past week we have noticed two old sows with a good sized litter of pigspiece, roaming all over the streets and into lots and yards and wherever they could root under, or in other words, taking possession of our main streets as if they were cow paths in the piney woods where the tread of the policeman is unknown. Now, a hog makes mighty fine eating when killed and properly "fixed," and we all like it, but to see hogs rooting around the public square we don't think a very nice sight; it is also a nuisance, and I for one kick, and kick hard against it.

If there is not an ordinance against it, there ought to be one passed, and a man hired for the purpose of enforcing it, and the marshal ought to see that he does enforce it.

GORGEOUS HALL.

A Judicious Inquiry.

A well known travelling man who visits the drug trade says he has often heard druggists inquire of customers who asked for a cough medicine whether it was wanted for a child or an adult, and if for a child they invariably recommended Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. The reason for this is that it always cures. There is not the least danger in giving it, for coughs, colds and croup it is unsurpassed. For sale by all druggists. m

Better and Better.

There are over five hundred mowing machines and hay presses in operation in Columbia county at this time. The hay crop is increasing each year, and all new and up-to-date methods are used by our farmers. There are a number of good farmers who will sell from 100 to 1,000 bales of as good as any imported hay. This is another evidence of the prosperity of Columbia county farmers.—Lake City Index.

Col. R. A. Burford is in Jacksonville to greet the president. When Colonel Roosevelt passed through Ocala at the head of the Rough Riders at the time of the Spanish-American war, Colonel Burford, who headed a delegation and called for a speech from the famous Rough Rider. In introducing him to the people assembled, Colonel Burford referred to him as the "future president of the United States!" It was perhaps the first time Mr. Roosevelt's name was ever used in connection with the presidency.

New Cure for Cancer.

All surface cancers are now known to be curable by Bucklen's Arnica Salve. James Walters, of Suffolk, Va., writes: "I had a cancer on my lip for years that seemed incurable until Bucklen's Arnica Salve healed it, and now it is perfectly well." Guaranteed cure for cuts and burns. 25c. at Tydings & Co., drug store. m

A Washington mind reader predicts the election of Secretary Shaw to the presidency in 1908. This prediction was revealed perhaps after the mind reader had a little private seance with Mr. Shaw himself.

Notwithstanding Mr. Edison's prediction that the horse must go, they are still bringing good prices and continue in evidence on car lines even in the city of New York.

Mr. Bryan still repeats that he wants the democratic party to "stand for something." It is suggested that it is "running" qualities the party is just now more in need of.

Two thousand bankers in session at Washington united in repeating the Lord's prayer, giving proper emphasis to the phrase, "Lead us not into temptation."

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Rice Granneries Burned.
Pekin, Oct. 23.—Notwithstanding its reform policy, China continues to exhibit evidence of official corruption against the imperial granneries accepting thousands of banner men and government dependents at Pekin, has been burned down just before the time for the winter distribution of rice. Superintendents Kui and Lui have appealed to the throne that they be punished because of their inability to detect the peculations of subordinates.

Led a Double Life.

Officer Martin, who had been on the "force" for six months or more, was different in some respects from many of his fellow policemen. He never went into a saloon except in the performance of his regular duty; never swore, never idled away any time, and never shirked.

Because of these differences and because he was uncommunicative and was not in the usual sense of the term a "good fellow" a suspicion that all was not right and that he had something to conceal became aroused, and at last reached the chief of police, who determined to interrogate him.

Accordingly the chief called him into his private office one morning. "Officer Martin," he said, "so far as I know, you are one of the best men on the payroll, but there are rumors that you are not altogether what you seem to be, and that there is a chapter in your life that none of us knows anything about."

"I can't deny it, sir," responded the policeman, somewhat surprised, but not at all abashed.

"You confess it then?"

"Yes, sir."

"Would you mind telling me what it is in confidence?"

"Not at all, sir," said Officer Martin. "I sing in a suburban church choir on Sunday."—Youth's Companion.

Anthony Trollope as a Schoolboy.

Sir William Gregory gave a picture of Anthony Trollope at Harrow school that makes it evident why he was so unhappy while there. "He was a big boy," says Sir William, "older than the rest of the form and without exception the most slovenly and dirty boy I ever met. He was not only slovenly in person and in dress, but his work was equally dirty. His exercises were a mass of blots and smudges. These peculiarities created a great prejudice against him, and the poor fellow was generally avoided. It is pitiable to read his autobiography, how bitter were his feelings at that time, and how he longed for the friendship and companionship of his comrades, but in vain. I had plenty of opportunities of judging of Anthony, and I am bound to say, though my heart smites me sorely for my unkindness, that I did not dislike him. I avoided him, for he was rude and untruthful, but I thought him an honest, brave fellow. He was no sneak. His faults were external. All the rest of him was right enough. He might have been a thoroughly bad young fellow and yet have had plenty of associates. He gave no sign of promise whatsoever, was always in the lowest part of the form and was regarded by masters and boys as an incorrigible dunce."

Saved His Life

J. W. Davenport, Wingo, Ky., writes, June 14, 1902: "I want to tell you I believe Ballard's Snow Liniment saved my life. I was under treatment of two doctors, and they told me one of my lungs entirely gone and the other badly affected. I also had a lump on my side. I do not think that I could have lived over two months longer. I was induced by a friend to try Ballard's Snow Liniment. The first application gave me great relief; two fifty-cent bottles cured me sound and well. It is a wonderful medicine and I recommend it to all suffering humanity." All druggists. m

Passenger Train Wrecked.

Fort Scott, Kans., Oct. 23.—West-bound Missouri Pacific passenger train No. 40, carrying cars from Kansas City and St. Louis was wrecked 5 miles west of Ft. Scott, early today, the result of a broken rail. The baggage and express cars, mail car and smoking car, chair car and a sleeper left the track and turned over. Fully 30 persons were more or less injured but no one was killed. Only three or four of the injured were seriously injured.

Want Folk to Aid Jerome.

New York, Oct. 23.—William J. Hornblower has signed and sent the following call to Governor Folk, of Missouri: "The undersigned citizens of New York, without regard to party, invite and urge you for the sake of good government and in order to keep in office a fearless and faithful public servant, to come on and speak for Jerome."

Cures Winter Cough.

J. E. Gover, 101 N. Main street Ottaway, Kan., writes: "Every fall it has been my wife's trouble to catch a severe cold, and therefore to cough all winter long. Last fall I got her a bottle of Horehound Syrup. She used it and has been able to sleep soundly all night long. Whenever the cough troubles her, two or three doses stop the cough and she is able to be up and well." 25c, 50c, and \$1. All druggists. m

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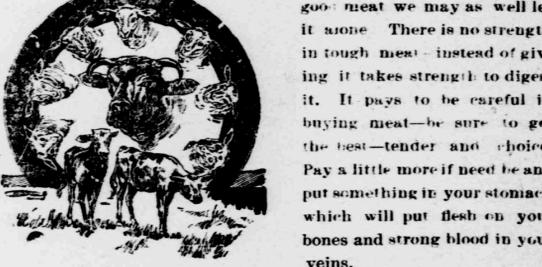
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