

Off On History.

To the Editor Ocala Banner.

In your issue of the 23rd inst. under the caption of "To the Voters" there are several paragraphs discussing the temperance situation in your county. In one instance the writer or writers quote the Hon. Ben Tillman as follows:

"When I hear a fellow get up and twaddle about the drinking of whiskey being blood money, I look back to the history of the world. I find that no man, no preacher, priest or statesman ever dreamed of attempting to prohibit the use of liquor until about 75 or 100 years ago, have not undertook until the last 80 years to say that man should not drink or that it was a sin."

It is evident from the above quotation that the Hon. Ben Tillman, of South Carolina, is ignorant of past history. As a matter of fact the legal and historical writings of Zenophon, Plato, Anthaenus, Plutarch, Pliny, Dion of Halicarnarus, Dyonysus Siculus, Strabo, and others are replete with edicts and instances showing that drunkenness was treated as a great crime.

Several of the Pharaohs issued stringent mandates against drunkenness and the ominous ceremony of placing in the center of the banquet table, when the wine was "beginning to tell" a skeleton crowned with funeral wreaths, dates from these days.

Among the many devices to check intemperance, was a law that the friends and relations of the dead should abstain from all wine for a certain time (from 40 to 70 days subsequent to death) according to the rank and station of the departed, which is significant of the great respect really felt for temperance.

In Athens the severe laws of Draco condemned to death any person convicted of being drunk. The wise laws of Solon condemned an archon to a heavy fine for the first time he was intoxicated, and in case of relapse to death. A citizen seen to enter a drinking shop was dishonored forever and no more was required to cause the banishment of a senator from the Areopagus.

In martial, brave, but cruel Sparta—where domestic affection was crushed out by law, and the common decencies and moralities held in contempt in accordance with the Lycin institutions, which among other things enjoined common public baths for both sexes, and placed no restraint on the sexual appetites—they did fear the results of drinking. In fact Lycinus gave the command that annually the helotes of Sparta should be intoxicated, and of the orgies ensuing among them the youth should be made spectators, to infuse in them aversion to drink.

According to Dionysius of Halicarnassus, Romulus promulgated a law which permitted the husband to kill his wife for drinking wine, as for committing adultery. The death penalty for adultery was frequently inflicted in the early days of Rome, and Pliny relates that a certain Ignatius Mecennius having killed his wife for having drunk wine was acquitted by Romulus.

The famous vine-planting edict, which forbade throughout the Empire the further culture of the vine, and commanded the destruction of one half the vines then flourishing in its vast dependencies, was issued by Rome's worst debauchee, the Emperor Domitian, signifies how profound was the dread of the effects of drinking upon the nation's life and prosperity, even as felt by one of its most supine votaries. This edict remained in force for one hundred and eighty years.

Some of the Sultans and Caliphs took extraordinary measures to prevent drunkenness. Solimon I, ordered that melted lead should be poured down the throats of drinkers.

In the vigorous days of ancient Carthage and Rome, the penalty for drinking in the army was death and long after when the people generally had become abandoned to drink and debauchery, the discipline of sobriety was enforced among the troops.

David Hume states that King Edgar strove to check intemperance by allowing only one ale house to each town. Still we find that the Anglo-

Saxon army passed the night before the momentous battle of Hastings in drink and riot, while the numerically inferior Norman forces passed it in sobriety.

Dr. Baer mentions in his "Alcoholism" that "the first order of moderation" was founded by Frederick III, that the badge, a cross with a design of tankards, and inscribed with the motto, "Halt Mass," was worn by the emperor at festivities; that his son, Maximilian, publicly expressed his abhorrence of intemperance at a number of diets; that the knightly order of St. Christopher, "for the abolition of profanity and drinking" was founded early in the sixteenth century by Sigismund von Diedrichstein, a nobleman, and that a few years later an abstinence fraternity was instituted by Louis, Count Palatine and Richard, Elector of Treves, fifteen bishops and princesses and many nobles entering it.

Dr. Baer also refers to the "Palatine Order of the Golden Ring," the symbol of membership being a gold ring which was forfeited back to the community by any member who proved recreant in drinking toasts; and mentions further, the famous temperance order founded by Landgrave of Hesse in 1600.

Yet, all these efforts failed to abolish intemperance. It is evident from the teachings of history past and present that all efforts to bring about a radical reformation by prohibitive legislation will fail and in the failure promote the traffic. If there is a remedy it will be found in an educational crusade that will enlighten and uplift the individual character. Two lives go to make up the national life. The individual life and the collective life of individuals which makes the life of the nation, we must have a radical reformation in the life of the individual.

STRAUSS L. LLOYD.
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Stock Farming the Coming Industry.

Some day—and at the present rate of progression it would seem likely to be at no distant date—the state of Florida will be lined with stock farms from the Georgia line to the southern end of the peninsula, and a living monument will have been raised to the names of S. H. Gaitskill, Z. C. Chambliss, N. A. Callison, H. H. Whitworth and others who were the first to show the possibility of raising improved stock in the state, and the city of Tampa will be entitled to have her name inscribed on the roll of honor as being the home of the men who originated and carried to a successful climax the first representative state fair which has ever been held in Florida, thereby giving the public both in and out of the state an opportunity to learn what the cattle growers were doing.—Tampa Times.

Marion county should also have a high place on the roll of honor for having furnished the greatest number of blooded cattle and the best breeds. She once also had an exposition.

Biggest Orange Grove in the World.

D. T. Johnson, of the Monarch grove, was here Monday afternoon. He left some beautiful specimens of the fruit from the Monarch with the Times man. Sumter county should be proud of this grove. It is the largest in the world, and the fruit surpasses any grown anywhere. A remarkable thing about last year's crop was that 98 per cent were fancy bright and the remaining two per cent were beautiful, only could not be called strictly bright.—Sumter County Times.

The Seaboard Extension.

Mr. George R. McKean has received a letter from Sarasota saying that the town was full of railroad people and that work on the grade would begin next Monday, starting at Bay View and going in the direction of Venice. Capt. C. H. Davis, president of the Manatee Banking company, has the grading contract and expects to complete the road as far as Venice by July next.

A prophetic truth, happily condensed and ably expressed, is the following from the Times-Union:—Long after Broward retires to those gentle shades, where all ex-governors sleep in solitude, Billy Bowlegs can still go a-swimming in the Everglades.—Arcadia News.

Obituary Notice.

Died at 1 o'clock, a. m., 17th inst., at his home in Benedict Heights, Mr. Samuel Whorter Yongue.

The deceased was born in Winnsboro, Fairfield county, S. C., May 30, 1835. He came to Florida with his wife and six children in 1883, and settled in Marion county near the place where his remains now rest, and has been an honored and exemplary citizen during all the years of his sojourn here.

Mr. Yongue had been in feeble health for the past ten years, until about five weeks since, when he became bedfast, and, though vigilant and tender nurses were constantly administering (with the aid of medical science) to his requirements, he finally succumbed to the divine decree.

The body was interred in the Presbyterian cemetery at Fairfield and the many mourners and host of sorrowing friends who surrounded the bier listened to a beautiful sermon preached by the Rev. Dr. Roseboro, state evangelist, at 10:30, a. m. of the 18th inst.

As a citizen, Mr. Yongue was always industrious, ever patient and relentless in his effort to overcome obstacles that beset his path in life.

Never yielding to cares occasioned by adverse circumstances, but fortified by the pillar of hope which was so intensely grafted into his amiable disposition, he heroically pursued his allotted career through his civic duties in life, just as he accomplished in his military career, when his adored southland was in dire need of his strong, physical power and indomitable courage, for he it remembered that the deceased was, during the great conflict from 1860 to 1865, an honored and very efficient member of that brilliant and redoubtable body of troops known in history as Hampton's cavalry. The deceased was a soldier also in a mightier army than that which mortal man can mobilize. He was a soldier in the service of the Lord and drew incessant inspiration from the Decalogue. He was a consistent member of the Presbyterian faith and leaves to his offspring a heritage, aye, a priceless boon that should be cherished and held sacred.

He has passed to his reward and is now "reaping as he sowed." The soul of the deceased soldier and upright citizen is now enjoying the harvest he so righteously earned.

Through the snares and pitfalls of this earth, which he so manfully and heroically avoided, our friend hath passed and now rests in perpetual glory, such glory as the eye of man hath not seen, nor has it entered into the heart of man to conceive.

We miss his kindly smiling face.
We miss his kindly voice.
But can we deny him heavenly grace?
To satisfy our choice?
No, his soul hath fled to heaven above.
Where all is mercy, peace and love.

A FRIEND.

Death of An Old Citizen.

Mr. Gabriel Priest, an old citizen of Fort McCoy, died Wednesday, and was buried in the Greenwood cemetery in that settlement Thursday afternoon, and the large number who attended this funeral attested the worth in which he was held.

Mr. Gabriel Priest was the oldest son of Mr. Granville Priest, one of Marion's pioneer settlers, and was a brother of Maj. J. K. and Mr. Columbus C. Priest. He had a host of friends throughout the county who will lament to hear of his death.

Whitworth Making Marion Famous.

H. H. Whitworth, one of Marion county's practical stockmen, has a number of young stock on exhibition of the shorthorn breed, grass raised and showing by their size and general appearance the improvements which can be made in his stock by the use of good blood by the intellectual breeder of cattle. He has also some Jerseys from his farm near Ocala.—Tampa Times.

Alfred Ayer Receives Mention.

Alfred Ayer, of McIntosh, has the distinction of showing the only herd of that great milking strain, the Holsteins, at the fair, five head of that breed having been sent on from his farm in Marion county.—Tampa Times.

A TALE OF WOE.

The East Coast Railway Company, in order to build its extension from the mainland to Key West, advertised for laborers.

The price to be paid and the work to be performed were stipulated.

Arriving at the point of destination the laborers became dissatisfied refused to work and demanded free transportation back to their homes.

These laborers complained that the work was rough, such as negroes ought to do; that the country was desolate and uninviting; that they were compelled to pay for their rations and sleep in tents!

What did they expect! Rooms at the Ponce de Leon and Royal Poinciana!

Suppose the pioneers of this country—the Daniel Boons, David Crockets and Sam Houston—had been made of no sterner stuff, the Red Man until this good day would be undisturbed in his possessions!

Railroad building through a new country requires deprivations, hardships and toil.

It is no place for a tenderfoot.

The tears shed on these men it seems to us are wasted.

Mr. Gaitskill's Plans.

President S. H. Gaitskill, of the stock breeder's association, has some cattle which demonstrates clearly the advantages to be gained by grading up the native stock. The cows in this pen are half breeds, that is to say, while the sire was a short-horn their dams were purely native stock, and the six and seven months old calves now running with them are three quarters bred. These calves will weigh about 300 pounds, both they and their mothers having been dependent on their living on a purely woods pasture, and the point which Mr. Gaitskill is most anxious to bring before the stockmen is the fact that these calves are marketable now at as good a price as the three or four-year-old natives, without having had to pass through a single winter. Mr. Gaitskill states that he is prepared to buy at good prices all the calves of the kind that he can get hold of, that he can carry them through the winter on his farm at McIntosh and sell them to advantage in the spring, and that this is the custom of many of the stockmen of the west who do not care for the trouble of feeding calves to sell them as cattle to the farmers of the corn growing states, who in turn sell them to the Chicago markets.—Tampa Times.

California Knocking Florida Out.

California does not ship her oranges until they are fully matured and fully colored, and as a result is obtaining excellent prices. We make the following quotation from the New York Fruit and Produce News:

"It was supposed that all records had been broken for the sale of California oranges, but the talk of the trade this week is a car of Old Mission brand sold by P. Ruhlman & Co. and shipped by C. C. Chapman of Fullerton. This was car S. F. R. D. 3361 and grossed the enormous sum of \$3,657.10. There were six boxes which brought \$14.50; 37, \$14.37 1-2, and 41, \$11. 37 1-2. No such sales were ever known on a car of oranges in New York before. The 113 boxes of fancy in the car averaged \$11.92; 191 boxes of choice, \$8.56, and 108 boxes of standards, \$6.12 1-2 and four broken boxes, \$3.25, the whole car, including broken boxes and all, averaged \$8.58 per box.

Park and Tilford bought the fancy boxes of Valencia's, taking the entire line. This is the highest average of the three grades ever known in New York and was only one of a series of Old Mission brands which grossed around \$3,000. There were only four cars of old stock sold this week and a California season never ended with such figures and such great satisfaction."

Praise for Edwards Bros.

Edward Bros., of Ocala, are on hand with a number of Red Polls, which, in addition to their beef qualities, are said to be good milkers, some of which animals are marked for sale, and with a Hereford three-year-old bull and cow with a nine-months-old calf, both of which were shown and took prizes at the fair last year.—Tampa Times.

The Jacksonville banks are making a new departure. They will keep open on Saturdays until 9 p. m.

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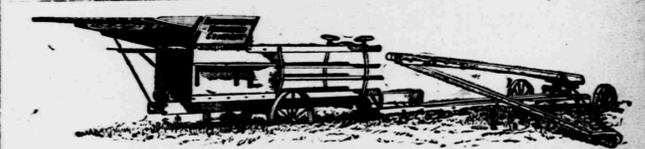
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Monogram Rye.....	5.20 6.60 8.00		"44" Rye, Peach and apple brandy. Mellow,
Hanne's "44" Rye.....	3.75 5.00 9.50		by age. \$4.00 per gal.
Social Drops.....	4.50 6.00 12.00		Victoria Rye, Social Drops Rye, Medical quality
Malt Whiskey.....	3.75 5.00 9.50		LEMP ST. LOUIS BEER. Per doz.
Peach Brandy.....	3.75 5.00 9.50		Falstaff..... \$1.25
Apple Brandy.....	3.75 5.00 9.50		Extra Pale..... 1.10
Holland Gin.....	2.80 4.25 7.25		Standard..... 1.00
Geneva Gin.....	3.75 5.00 9.50		Malt, extra dark..... 1.00
North Carolina Corn.....	2.65 4.00 7.00		Coburger, imported..... 2.00
Mountain Corn.....	3.75 5.00 9.50		Rass Ale, pints..... 2.25
Jamaica Rum.....	2.65 4.00 7.00		Guinness Stout, pints..... 2.25
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