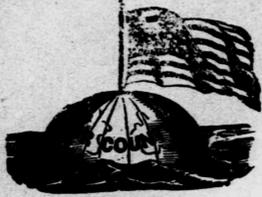


THE OCALA BANNER

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MOTTO: THE BANNER, BELIEVING THOSE AT THE TOP WELL ABLE TO TAKE CARE OF THEMSELVES, HAS TAKEN ITS STAND IN THE BARRICADES WITH THE COMMON PEOPLE AND ITS FIGHT WILL BE MADE FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THOSE AT THE BOTTOM.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1905.

We want a sea level canal. The best that engineers can devise or money procure.

Everybody enjoyed the session of the conference. It was like a prayer and a benediction.

Silver is now quoted at 65 3-4 cents per ounce and the price going higher. It is the highest since 1896.

The first frost in 1904 was on the 14th day of November; the first in 1905, was on the 11th of December. Up to this time this has been much the more open winter.

Alachua county is shipping lettuce by the carload to the northern markets. Why can't Suwannee do the same?—Live Oak Democrat. Why, we should think so. Lettuce is a kind of sorgrass.

The Methodists are rejoicing over the retention of Mr. Moore to this charge. His ministry has been successful and he has a loyal and a loving congregation.

It is said that Governor Jelks, the popular governor of Alabama, will go back into the newspaper business when he retires from the gubernatorial chair. He has invested both triods with a very charming dignity.

The northern produce newspapers all say Florida oranges are reaching the markets in bad shape. This report should arrest the attention of growers. The orange is Florida's best hold and she ought not to lose out on it.

We ought to wage a land campaign in Florida. A campaign to people the good lands in the good countries before we begin to talk about draining lands in remote sections. Cheap rates and immigration are the things most needful in Florida.

The Florida Methodist Conference at Ocala seems to have been about the only large religious convention of recent times that hasn't taken a fall out of the Evolution theory. There was not trouble with "higher criticism" at Ocala and "old fashioned religion" held the fort from start to finish.—Live Oak Democrat.

The valuation of Volusia county property increased this year \$573,200.60 over that of last year. The total assessed valuation of the county for 1904 was \$3,822,536. This year it is \$4,395,737. This valuation exceeds any before the freezes.

Hon. James E. Alexander, known to the political world, as "Jeems Alex," has been appointed by Governor Broward county solicitor for Volusia county. J. W. Perkins, who was elected to the office, having been removed for neglect of duty.

The democrats have made their first big blunder in naming John Sharp Williams the minority leader. He is a small man and capable of doing very small things. His punishment of Lamar is only a specimen along that line. It's a pity.

We judge from the following which we find in the Manatee Record, that Frank Walpole is recovering from his recent illness. The Record says: Gainesville has a female dentist. She's young and pretty. For years we have needed quite a bit of dental work done, and as soon as our railroad mileage comes to hand nothing short of a fatal stroke of financial paralysis will keep us away from Gainesville. We want to see the new university site anyway.

Mistook Skimmings for Cane Juice. Bre'r Setzer went out "for a time," last week, and this is from his account of it:

The function was that of a cane-grinding, and just what this editor done for the juice was a plenty, and what the juice has done for him since was more than a plenty.

We should like to inquire if it was the "skimmings" that did the work?—Lake City Index.

"Ye Have the Poor Always With You."

Matthew, 26:11; Mark, 14:7; John, 12:8.

A Lay Sermon By The Editor.

Perhaps there is no text of the holy scriptures so often misinterpreted and misconstrued as the one above quoted, and by its misconstruction been more fruitful of harm.

It has been and is still used to impede and paralyze the efforts, hopes, aims, aspirations and purposes of reformers.

It is a stumbling block in the way of those who are trying to lighten and brighten the paths of the poor.

We have heard preachers proclaim from the pulpit that all talk about improving the social and economic conditions of the race is a mere waste of time, a chimera of the brain, a figment of the imagination, because this saying of Christ makes it impossible to rid the world of its poor!

We hardly take it that it is impious or unreasonable to say that this utterance of Christ is in no sense a prophecy or condemnation; but, on the contrary, is merely a statement of a then existing fact, and nothing more.

In commenting upon this text, Dr. Adam Clark, the great English commentator, says:

"Ye have the poor always with you, consequently have the opportunity of doing them good at any time."

In what better way can we do them good than by removing the causes that make them poor?

It were better than almsgiving, because that only affords temporary relief, and it would not make one class debtor to another; it would remove any resemblance to the spirit of giver and receiver, or of master and servant.

If this saying of Christ were a judgment and condemnation, why did He go among the poor? Why did He seek their habitation to rest His weary body, instead of the palaces of the rich? Why did He choose His disciples from among them?

Christ himself was poor; He was born in a manger; His surroundings were humble; His hands were soiled and hardened with toil; He drank to the full the cup of poverty.

Why should He pronounce a curse and condemn the larger portion of the human race to ceaseless, unrequiting toil; to hopeless, helpless poverty?

It would make His life a lie?

If God had intended, as Mr. Lincoln once said, for some men to do all the work, and other men to do all the eating, He would have created some men with all mouths and no hands, and others with all hands and no mouths.

But, God did not do this. He created all in His own image.

The distinction comes rot at, but after birth.

Unless there is some malformation, every child is alike, or very nearly alike, when it comes from its mother's womb. When the garments are put upon its little body then the distinction takes place, and this distinction, with here and there an exception, lasts through life.

The child whose swaddling clothes are made of coarse cotton cloth, under present economic conditions, rarely outgrows them. They are the badge of the bourgeois, the proletaire; but, stripped of these garments, there is scarcely a distinction in any new born child.

It is the hopeful view of the British National League for Physical Education that practically every child born into the world is capable of physical and mental health, no matter how enfeebled the parents may have become from want.

Mr. Lander Brunston, in the National Review, says that, in answer to the question, "Is it possible to improve the lowest classes, with no physical strength and no mental backbone?" "It may be impossible to do so, so far as individuals are concerned, but for the race the answer is an emphatic yes."

He goes on further to say: "The sins of the fathers are visited on the children, but with the exception of actual disease and perhaps in-

toxication in the parents, infants are not affected before birth, but come into the world healthy and strong. It is after their birth that the unfavorable influences begin to tell—improper food, partial starvation and lack of care in infancy—the same bad conditions, along with impure air, want of exercise and playgrounds, evil companionship in the gutters during childhood—smoking, drinking, gambling, idleness.

"There is a physical standard which is the inheritance of the people as a whole, and although the baby's father and mother may have become puny and weak from poverty and unwholesome surroundings, the baby when born reverts to the racial type, and if properly cared for after birth may possibly rival in strength and physique the far-away Viking ancestors.

So, after all, and through all, poverty is the great curse of the world. It is a bar to mental, physical and spiritual blessings. It is written in infancy on every age and in every land. Educated, sensible, tolerant men do not make war on individuals, nor on wealth, nor would they in any way limit the ambitions of men, but they make war only on conditions that produce inequalities, and permit some men to own largely more than their share of the earth and the fulness thereof—God's bounty—and the great bulk of mankind to own largely less than their share.

The proposition is not denied that the man who labors is entitled to the fruit of his toil. But this is not the case. He is largely deprived of the fruit of his labor, and this is done, not by the command and authority of God, but by the mandates of men.

God has made no mistake in the purposes of his creation. He has made no distinction in his creatures. True, He has made different types and races, but every type is true to its kind, and numerous as the types and races of men are, teeming as the population of the earth is, stowed away in the womb of nature is an abundance for all.

But history proves that now, and in all the countless ages of the past, the toiler does not get his share.

There is a poem that tells the story. It is entitled the "Ninety and Nine"—not Sankey's hymn of that name, but an ode to the hosts of labor.

The following is one of the verses: "Their labor has made the wilderness bloom, the forest before them falls, the forest has fashioned stately homes, And cities with marble halls, But the one owns cities, and homes and lands, While the ninety and nine have empty hands."

If there be such a thing as the "fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man," why is this not a church question? Why is it not the mission and the business of the churches to see that the gifts of God—material as well as spiritual—are possessed by every human creature—they are all God's children.

Why not make this world "as it is heaven?"

Is the prayer "Thy kingdom come," also a chimera of the brain, a mere figment of the imagination?

With poverty obliterated, this world of ours would be a habitation fit for the angels.

Why turn our backs upon it and give it over to Satan?

As God made it, it was so beautiful that it received His blessing and benediction. He pronounced it "very good."

Shall God's arm be shriveled? His cornucopias of blessings turned only into a few favored laps, while the great bulk of his children cry of hunger in the wilderness, in the sight of plenty?

New life of zeal, activity, fearlessness and fervor should be breathed into the churches, its ministers sent out into the world of men as social and economic missionaries and reformers, imbued with the high purpose to restore the world to its pristine beauty, and make it again become just what it was when it first left the hands of God.

When there is some great national question before the people involving a moral issue where there is a condition of things existing productive of immorality, it may be justifiable for a minister of the gospel to discuss it before his congregation. The question of "graft" as a general issue regarding honesty in public office or in commercial life, is a theme that might well be preached on in connection with the re-generation of mankind.

TURPENTINE WAR ENDED.

"The Big 4" takes over all the Holdings of the Florida Export Company, which Represent 45,000 Casks of Spirits, Aggregating \$2,500,000.

A Savannah special to the Jacksonville Metropolis, says that the naval stores war, in which Savannah and Jacksonville were involved, and in which the Shutter interests and the Naval Stores Export Company had a strenuous contest, is over.

This information will be most pleasing to the factors, and it means much for Florida and Jacksonville, as this city and all other Florida ports, except Pensacola, will henceforth be open markets. The conferences between the contending factions for the past week were most harmonious in every way. The agreement reached means that the conditions are today more satisfactory than they have been since the Naval Stores Export Company was organized. It means that the entire stock on hand at the Florida ports will be at once disposed of by the old line exporters at good prices.

The holdings of the Naval Stores Export Company, which include 45,000 casks of turpentine, were taken over by the "Big 4" of Savannah. This accumulation represents about \$2,500,000.

Savannah is also rejoiced at the termination of the war, as it will prove of benefit to the factors in every Southern State.

The producers are guaranteed a higher price than for years past.

BETTER THAN EVER BEFORE. The Florida Turpentine Industry is in better shape than ever before, and the operators are consequently enthusiastic. This great industry and the men who are identified with it have done much toward the development of the city and State. Higher prices will prevail and an era of unprecedented prosperity will be the result. The turpentine interests of Florida are in able hands. The confidence of the operators in the leaders was fully exemplified at the convention held here last week.

The recent agreement means renewed confidence and greater profits. Every progressive man in Florida is proud of the work of the Naval Stores Export Company, and Jacksonville joins with Savannah in the relief caused by a cessation of hostilities.

To Make Florida an Island.

"A canal of great importance which requires construction," writes Anstin Bierbower in his article, "Canals We Must Dig," in the Technical World Magazine for January, "is across the northern part of the peninsula of Florida. Such a canal would save 706 miles between New Orleans and New York and about the same distance between our other Gulf and Atlantic cities. Most vessels between these ports must now go two days out of the way and the cost of sea transportation so great, this cannot forever be endured. Florida is level, and so can be cut without much difficulty or expense and there are some streams which could be utilized for part of the route."

BABY'S ECZEMA

Top of Head Covered with Scales Which Peeled off Taking Hair with Them.

CURED BY CUTICURA

Now Six Years Old with Thick Hair and Clean Scalp. Cure Permanent.

"My baby was six weeks old when the top of her head became covered with thick scales, which would peel and come off, taking the hair with it. It would soon form again and be as bad as before. My doctor said it was Eczema, and prescribed an ointment, which did no good. I then tried Cuticura Soap and Ointment. I washed her head in warm water and Cuticura Soap and gently combed the scales off. She did not come back and her hair grew out fine and thick. She is now a year and a half old, and has no trace of Eczema."

MRS. C. W. BURGESS, Iranistan Ave., Bridgeport, Conn., Feb. 21, 1898.

CURE PERMANENT

Mrs. Burgess writes Feb. 28, 1903: "My baby, who had Eczema very badly on her head, as I told you before, after using the Cuticura Remedies was cured. She is now six years old, and has thick hair and a clean scalp. Instant relief and refreshing sleep for skin-tortured babies and rest for tired, worried mothers in warm baths with Cuticura Soap, and gentle anointments with Cuticura Ointment, purest of emollients and greatest of skin cures. This is the purest, sweetest, most speedy, permanent, and economical treatment for torturing, disfiguring, itching, burning, bleeding, scaly, crusted, and pimply skin and scalp humours, with loss of hair, of infants and children, as well as adults, and is sure to succeed when all other remedies and the best physicians fail."

Sold throughout the world. Cuticura Remedies, (in form of Chocolate Coated Pills, 25c. per trial of 60). Ointment, 25c. Soap, 25c. Patent Drug & Chem. Corp., Boston, Mass. Proprietors. Send for The Great Humour Cure.

The Grand Jury Presentment.

The grand jury for the present term finished its labors Tuesday morning and before adjournment read in open court its general presentment. It is a well worded, strong and forceful document and met Judge Bullock's commendation from the bench. The grand jury say that the county is in a prosperous condition and that there is a decrease in crime. These are certainly things for congratulation and it is the wish of all good citizens that these favoring conditions will continue with us.

The needs for a new court house, or the enlargement of the old one, is strongly pointed out and we trust that the county commissioners will put the suggestions made by the grand jury into effect, which, if done, we believe will result in the building of a new court house.

Marion county ought to have the best court house in Florida. It stands on the front line in everything else and ought in this also, and if the county pride is properly and patriotically aroused we believe a majority vote can be secured to this end.

We hope the commissioners will not let the matter go to "inocuous desuetude" and congratulate the grand jury for bringing the matter so prominently and pointedly to the attention of the people.

REUNION PROGRAM.

The Following is a Complete Program for the Jacksonville Reunion.

Wednesday, December 13—11 A. M. Convention will assemble at Board of Trade rooms, corner Main and Adams streets, and be called to order by the adjutant-general, Col. F. L. Robertson.

Prayer, by Right Reverend E. G. Weed, chaplain general Florida Division United Confederate Veterans.

Address of welcome, by Hon. G. M. Nolan, Mayor of Jacksonville.

Address of welcome, by Major A. D. Williams, commander of R. E. Lee Camp, No. 58, United Confederate Veterans.

Response and annual address, by Major General W. D. Ballentine, commanding Florida Division United Confederate Veterans.

Song, Dixie, by Mrs. T. Weldon Lund and Miss Julia Lund.

AFTERNOON—3 O'CLOCK. Convention will assemble in Board of Trade rooms and will be called to order by Adjutant-General F. L. Robertson.

Annual address, by orator, Hon. W. L. Palmer, of Orlando.

Regular order of business.

EVENING—7:30 O'CLOCK. Reception of Confederate Veterans in Board of Trade rooms.

Violin solo, Medley of Southern Airs, Mrs. Harwood Rossier.

Song, Bonnie Blue Flag, Mrs. Richmond C. Ingram.

Recitation, selected, Miss Nellie Fletcher.

Song, Maryland, My Maryland, Arion Quartet Club.

Song, Lorena, Miss Gertrude L'Engle.

Recitation, The Sword of Robert Lee, Miss Gertrude F. Jacobi.

Song, All Quiet Along the Potomac Tonight, Ladies' Quartet of Arion Quartet Club.

Banquet to Confederate Veterans.

Thursday, December 14—10 A. M. Closing business of session.

Prayer, by Reverend W. E. Boggs. Election of officers.

AFTERNOON—7:30 O'CLOCK. Parade of United Confederate Veterans, sponsors and maids of honor, escorted by local military and police, under command of Brigadier General C. P. Lovell, grand marshal and staff.

Order of Parade. Parade to form on Market street, in front of armory, promptly at 2:30 p. m., December 14, 1905. Parade to form as follows:

Platoon of mounted police. Grand marshal and staff.

Band. First Battalion of Infantry, Florida State Troops.

Platoon of police, dismounted. Major general commanding the Florida Division United Confederate Veterans, accompanied by the retiring major general.

Brigadier generals commanding First, Second, and Third Brigade.

Major general and brigade staffs. Carriages with division sponsors and maids of honor.

Carriages with brigade sponsors and maids of honor.

Camps First, Second and Third Brigade United Confederate Veterans.

Stonewall Jackson Camp, Sons of Veterans.

Route of March. From armory down Market to Bay streets, along Bay to Julia, up Julia to Forsyth, along Forsyth to Hogan, up Hogan, passing in review before the major general, Florida Division United Confederate Veterans, who will be located on Windsor Hotel veranda.

EVENING—8 O'CLOCK. Ball at armory on Market street, tendered to sponsors and maids of honor, by R. E. Lee Camp No. 58, United Confederate Veterans, Martha Reid Chapter, United Daughters of Confederacy, and Stonewall Jackson Camp, No. 83, United Sons Confederate Veterans.

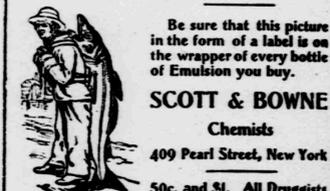
The California orange grower is bragging because he can land his fruit in the Eastern markets as cheap, or cheaper than the Florida grower. Ditto, the Cuban grower. The Florida grower seems to be bound hand and foot. Our railroad commissioners seem to be entirely ornamental.

All Run Down

THIS is a common expression we hear on every side. Unless there is some organic trouble, the condition can doubtless be remedied. Your doctor is the best adviser. Do not dose yourself with all kinds of advertised remedies—get his opinion. More than likely you need a concentrated fat food to enrich your blood and tone up the system.

Scott's Emulsion of Cod Liver Oil

is just such a food in its best form. It will build up the weakened and wasted body when all other foods fail to nourish. If you are run down or emaciated, give it a trial: it cannot hurt you. It is essentially the best possible nourishment for delicate children and pale, anaemic girls. We will send you a sample free.



Be sure that this picture in the form of a label is on the wrapper of every bottle of Emulsion you buy.

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Lee to Roosevelt.

General Stephen D. Lee, commander of the Union Confederate Veterans on behalf of himself and that organization, has written as follows to President Roosevelt: "Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States—My Dear Sir: As the general commander of the United Confederate Veterans' organizations, and for them, I am sending you my thanks for the paragraph in your message recommending that the general government care for the graves of Confederate dead, and especially those who died in northern prisons during the war. I desire to say that this paragraph in your message is exceedingly gratifying to me personally. With kindest regards for yourself personally, and for the welfare of our family, I am yours truly, "STEPHEN D. LEE."

Grip Quickly Knocked Out.

"Some weeks ago during the severe winter weather both my wife and myself contracted severe colds which speedily developed into the worst kind of gripe with all its miserable symptoms." Mr. J. S. Egleston, of Maple Landing, Iowa. "Knees and joints aching, muscles sore, head stopped up, eyes and nose running, with alternate spells of chills and fever. We began using Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, aiding the same with a dose of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets, and by its liberal use soon completely knocked the grip." These tablets promoted a healthy action of the bowels, liver and kidneys which is always beneficial when the system is congested by a cold or an attack of the grip. For sale by all druggists.

SEABOARD AIR LINE RAILWAY

Christmas Holiday Excursion Rates. For the public: Tickets will be on sale December 23, 24, 25, 30 and 31st, and Jan. 1st., at one and one third fares plus 25c with final limit Jan. 4th. For teachers and students, not preparatory, public nor high school, same rate will apply with selling dates Dec. 17th to 24th inclusive limited to Jan. 8th, 1906.

All above rates will apply to all points east of the Mississippi and south of the Potomac and Ohio rivers including Washington, D. C., and St. Louis, Mo. The Seaboard Air Line has double daily service with parlor cars on day trains and Pullman sleeping cars on all night trains leaving Ocala.

Mr. H. A. McEachern.

The serious illness of Mr. H. A. McEachern is one of the most distressing afflictions known in this city. Mr. McEachern is deservedly very popular. He not only possesses a brilliant mind, but he has a heart as big as a hay-stack to guide it in the path of duty to his fellow men. "Mack," those who know you, love you and will miss you when you are gone.—Jacksonville Floridian.

All kinds of fire works, as usual, at the Ocala Bazar, Home of Santa Claus.