NOT AN IDLE BOAST

"Uncle Henry" Flagler, as many of the state papers choose to call H. M. Flagler, "The Wizard of the East" (coast) was not altogether a subject for the "foolish ..ouse" when he constructed his miles of extension over the rocks to Knight's Key. Those who were wise to his intention remained quiet and winked the other eye when the operations stopped last year presumably on account of governmnet intervention, or because he was blocking one of the passages in the ocean.

He was blocking a passage, but not in the ocean, as many were led to think at that time Our uncle was simply "blocking" until he knew to a certainty that Uncle Sam would allow Uncle Henry to carry the mail sacks that now go via Tampa.

The long haul over the East Coast to Knight's Key, or Door Key, or any old key, means that the East Coast can afford to operate a train for the mail only, and after the arrival at the aforesaid key, the steamships can afford to chase across the short distance with the mail for almost nothing.

Knight's Key is the key to the situation, and Mr. Flagler seems to hold the key at present, and if his dreams are realized there will be no limit to the growth of the East Coast.

Many old residents of Florida will remember the rivalry existing between the late H. B. Plant and the Flagler interests.

While the East Coast was in its infancy Mr. Plant, hearing of an extension to Miami, facetiously remarked: "Where is the East Coast and Miami?" Mr. Flagler's reply was: "Follow the crowd and you will find out."

If Mr. Plant could have lived to the present day he would probably realize the aptness of Mr. Flagelr's reply.

Since the East Coast and the West Coast are both in the state of Florida and Orlando is not on any coast, we folks of the interior can only look on and congratulate ourselves that our oranges and vegetables will bring just as much money, whether Key West or Tampa carries the mails.—Orlando Reporter-Star.

BETTER TIMES IN SIGHT

New York, March 22, 1908.

To the Editor Ocala Banner:

There are constantly accumulating evidences of an improvement in general financial and trade conditions. Thus, there is still considerable depression in many commercial lines, but in several important directions signs of a return to normal conditions are constantly cropping up. For example, the past week has brought a further advance in prices for copper metal, together with an increased demand for export, the leading manufacturers of steel and iron have decided tc maintain prices, there has been a further material reduction in the number of idle freight cars on the railroads of the country and some of the leading companies have seen fit to place orders for new rails and equipment. Thus the New York Central has just closed a contract with the American Locomotive company for something like 150 locomotives, the largest order, by the way, which the latter company has received since the recent business depression set in. Besides, the United States Steel Corporation published its report for the year ending December 31st last, showing large increases in both gross and net revenues over the pervious twelve month. Gross earnings of the corporation during 1907 amounted to $757,014,768, as against $696,756,926 in 1906, while the balance, after operating expenses, reached $192,847,991, comparing with $179,672,980. After the payment of all charges and dividends the corporation reported a balance of $69,179,837, which contrasts with $62,742,860 in 1906.

The condition of the money markets, both at home and abroad, is all that could be desired, a fact made evident by the plentiful supply of funds at this center at very comfortable rates, as well as by the further reduction in the Bank of England's discount rate of 3 per cent.—the lowest figure in years. All this accounts for the optimistic feeling at present permeating the stock market and for the relative strength which prices displayed, both on the New York exchange and the Consolidated Stock exchange, where the feeling exists that, even though this week's moderate recession may be followed by a still further decline of slight proportions, the ultimate result will be a materially higher range of values between now and July. J. R. B.

MONEY SAVING PLAN

The Florida Chair Factory of Jacksonville, whose advertisement appears in this issue, have started a new system in their business which will be heralded with pleasure by the general public. Their new plan is to sell chairs direct from the factory at wholesale prices, thus eliminating the jobber's profit and also the retail dealer's profit.

They have placed on sale 25,000 chairs, which include parlor, bedroom, library and porch rockers, dining room, office and in fact chairs of every description at the wholesale price.

Send for their illustrated catalogue, also their special club offer. 3-20.

JUDGE LANDIS' LATEST FINE

Judge Landis has once more attracted the attention of the world by the amount of the fine imposed in a case which was brought before him.

It, of course, has not been forgotten that Judge Kennesaw Mountain Landis—named for the battle fought on and around the well known neighboring peak, in sight of the Candler building—is the man who imposed a fine of twenty-nine million dollars in the case against the Standard Oil Company, charged with rebating. Of course that fine has not been paid yet, and the chances are that the big octopus will be able to earn it before the amount is forthcoming, but it has at least served to direct the attention of the world to Judge Landis.

Now comes another case, and rather than keep the expectant reader in suspense we will say once for all that the distinguishing feature of this fine was its smallness.

It was just one cent.

A laborer who had been trying for some time in vain to collect a debt of two dollars due him from a certain doctor, finally lost his temper and wrote the doctor a "dun" on a postal card which fairly made the cardboard curl. It was about the hottest thing ever crowded on a postal card since the good old days before picture postcards came into fashion.

Of course it was against the law. Such sentiments expressed on a postal card are liable to shock the feelings of the postmaster.

But the laboring man, who had finished his job, and wanted his money and had not dallied very much over the revised statutes, did not know this.

The doctor had him hauled into court. The case was clearly made out, and then the judge tantalizingly began with the statement that the maximum fine in such cases was five years in he penitentiary. The poor creditor with the card-writing propensity fairly trembled in the dock.

Then the judge, who evidently felt that as a matter of equity, that two-dollar debt should have been paid long before, lowered his voice and imposed a penalty of one cent, and remarked that the prisoner need not pay the costs.

Whether the creditor also got his two dollars is not stated.

At any rate Judge Landis now has the distinction of having run the gamut. He has imposed fines all the way from one cent to twenty-nine million dollars.

The Kennesaw range is rather extensive.—Atlanta Journal.

MEPHISTO'S ANGER

'Twas but last night I gazed into her eyes,
And thought I saw perfection there.
Her smiling lips, her rapturous form,
A moonbeam playing in her hair.
Her voice as sweet as distant melody,
Woke in me but a thought of joy;
Like a flash—the curtain drawn discloses
Myself there—but a woman's toy.

Now, the heart I thought so strong within me,
Awakes to find within a pain;
Her flashing eyes, her quivering lips,
Tell me my words are all in vain.
The fragments of my heart then cast aside,
I vow for all eternity;
Again, I stop to say farewell to thee,
Thou sweet satanic majesty.

MARTINEAUX.

WATCH, CHAIN AND BELT LOST

Lost, between Ocala and Morriston, Fla., one brown shirred silk belt, with black silk watch fob and gold charm, with plain gold hunting case watch. Lost on March 3, 1908. Liberal reward to finder if returned to Mrs. Barnett George, Morriston, Fla.

TO SUBSCRIBERS

Extracts from section 436 of the postal laws and regulations pertaining to second class mail matter, issued January 1, 1908:

"A reasonable time will be allowed publishers to secure renewals of subscriptions, but unless subscriptions are expressly renewed after the term for which they are paid, within the following periods:

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This is the ruling of the Post Office Department, and of course it will be rigidly enforced. Hence we take this means of notifying subscribers who are in arrears that unless this order is complied with their names must be stricken from our mailing list. We regret the order but are in no wise responsible for it and are compelled to pay obedience to it We earnestly request that subscribers co-operate with us in this matter

Very respectfully,

THE OCALA BANNER.

THE PRINTER A DEAD EASY MARK

Everybody likes to take a shot at the printer. He is a dead easy mark. The government at Washington has a great printing establishment, and is in competition with every printing office in the country. It employs 2700 printers in one building alone. It prints envelopes for nearly every business firm in the United States, and as it has to pay no freight, it can, of course, do the printing cheaper than the average newspaper.

The United States government does not sell dry goods, nor groceries nor perfumery, nor wines, nor liquors, nor beer, nor tobacco, nor jewelry. It just enters into competition with legitimate printing houses.

And then, too, our average business men have contracted the habit of "knocking" the printer. If they want a suit of clothes, or a set of furniture, or ever so much hardware, they do not think about interviewing all the people in these lines of business for the purpose of obtaining the lowest prices, but the average man now is getting to the point where, if he only wants five dollars worth of printing done he interviews every local printing office and sometimes foreign ones besides, for sealed bids.

This habit is becoming so marked throughout the country that the last issue of the Master Printer contains a leading article under the title, "Printers an Easy Mark."

It says the public has formed the habit of "knocking" the printer to such an extent that the printers themselves are beginning to cut each other's throats in cutting prices. It ends its article with the following truthful jingle:

"Everybody works the printer.
And he hustles 'round all day,
Worrying about his business—
Will he lose or make it pay?
Still he keeps cutting prices,
Just like a crazy man;
Everybody works the printer,
Because they know they can."

THE CASE OF THE LITTLE CRIPPLED GIRL

In a personal letter to the editor of this paper, Judge A. O. Wright of Jacksonville said that he took a personal interest in the little crippled girl who was arrested for selling lead pencils on the street corners, and did what he could in her behalf.

In an interview in the Metropolis Judge Wright says:

"It seems to me a hardship that she was denied the privilege of selling pencils on the streets, when strong and healthy men can sell rubber spiders, toy balloons and collar buttons all up and down Bay street, without hindrance. When I told her that she could sell newspapers, as that required neither license nor permit, I was notified by the mayor that she must be kept off the streets, which was in effect denying her the poor privilege that is accorded every street urchin who can shout.

Wouldn't Quit the Streets

"Is it true that she denied your court when you released her last Saturday week?"

"When I had entered a formal fine against her of five dollars, but told her she could go, I said that she must quit violating the city ordinaces. She replied that she proposed to continue trying to make an honest living, and that she would continue to sell pencils on the streets. She left the court room and went to selling pencils again on the streets, and was again arrested, and lay in jail from Saturday afternoon until Monday morning, when the mayor appeared in my court and demanded that the proper steps be taken to prevent her from violating the city ordinances in defiance of the court. I then entered another fine of five dollars, but I told her that if she was unable to pay it I would try and find some way of taking care of her without keeping her in jail. I then sent for the Salvation Army people, and turned her over to them. They took charge of her, and she has been at their headquarters in this city ever since, until she left the city."

WILL BEING CONTESTED

When court convened this morning with Judge Dean on the bench, after a recess of two days, the first called was the case of F. M. Phillips vs. J. C. Garrott. The suit was filed to break the will of Mrs. Hattie Agnew Garrott, deceased, which left all of her property to the defendant, her husband. Attorneys Sims, Dubose and Rhodes of Bowling Green and S. M. Payton of Louisville, and Irwin & Irwin of this bar, represented the contestants, and C. H. Moorman of Louisville and L. A. Faurest of this city the contestee.—Elizabethtown (Ky.) News.

BEST HEALER IN THE WORLD

Rev. F. Starbird of East Raymond, Maine, says: "I have used Bucklen's Arnica Salve for several years, on my old army wound, and other obstinate sores, and find it the best healer in the world. I use it too with great success in my veterinary business." Price 25c. at Tydings & Co's. drugstore. x

QUOTING SCRIPTURE

The New York World has published a phamphlet against William P. Bryan, and heads its list of reasons why Mr. Bryan should lay down the party leadership with this quotation from scriptures:

And everyone that was in distress, and everyone that was in debt, and every one that was discontented gathered themselves unto him; and he became a captain over them; and there were him about four hundred men.—I. Samuel, XXII., 2.

The personage mentioned in the quotation is, as everyone knows, David, the son of Jesse, and just why the New York World should hold him up as a warning to Mr. Bryan is past comprehension. Indeed the prophets of Bryanism could find nothing from cover to cover of the Good Book that so aptly fits Mr. Bryan's case, nothing in the wide range of literature or history, sacred or profane that forms a more striking parallel, or, what is more, justifies more sanguine hope of Mr. Bryan's ultimate triumph.

There are a good many people who are in distress, millions who are in debt (and more going broke every day), millions who are in discontented under trust rule and they have indeed gathered themselves unto William J. Bryan, and he has become a captain over them.

But the World should have pursued the subject further, and have recounted what the captain and his four hundred did. It's all in the Book of Samuel, too. Like Bryan touring the world and returning welcomed as no American had been welcomed, David returned from his wanderings, and here is what he and his four hundred did:

And David smote them from the twilight even unto the evening of the next day.—I. Samuel XXX., 17.

And David recovered all that the Amalekites carried away.—I. Samuel XXX., 18.

And David took all the flocks and the herds which they drave before those other cattle, and said, This is David's spoil.—I. Samuel XXX., 20.

In the second book of Samuel, chapter II., verse 4, we read:

And the men of Judah came and they appointed David king over the house of Judah.

And again in chapter III., first verse:

Now there was long war between the house of Saul and the house of David; but David waxed stronger and stronger and the house of Saul waxed weaker and weaker.

Next we read:

Then came all the tribes of Israel to David unto Hebron, and spake, saying, behold, we are thy bone and thy flesh.—V. 1.

And finally in chapter 8, verse 15:

And David reigned over all Israel; and David executed judgment and justice unto all his people.

By all means let us liken Bryan to David. Their histories are so nearly similar that the last verse we quoted rings like a prophesy, in whose fulfillment the American people will bear their part next November.

All that is necessary to carry out the simile is to let the World play the role of Saul, and no witch of Endor is needed to foretell the result of the coming battle.—Fort Wayne (Ind.) Journal-Gazette.

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Prof. H. A. Howell of Havana, Cuba, Recommends Chamberlain's Cough Remedy

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