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They Are Here Now!

Our buyer has just returned from the North and East with the best and most complete line of Ladies Dress Goods for spring and summer wear that it has ever been the good fortune of Ocalians to behold. We buy only for Spot Cash and thus get all the discounts usual in such cases, hence we can give you such values as will surprise you, even though you are ever so close a buyer.

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Opera House Block, Ocala, Fla

MOTTO: THIS PAPER WILL NOT FAWN AT THE FEET OF THE MAN WHO HAS SUDDENLY AND WITHOUT MERIT REACHED THE TOP OF THE HILL; NOR WILL IT KICK THE MAN WHO IS GOING DOWN IT.

SARA ELIZABETH HARRIS, Local Editor.

Baseball this afternoon.

Mr. Burke is again a citizen of Ocala.

Mr. Jack Hiers, of Fernandina, is in the city.

Colonel L. P. Miller has returned from a trip to Lake Mary.

Postmaster Groves has returned from a trip to Washington.

The best meal to be had in the city at the Railroad Restaurant.

J. Overton Paine has scooped in another million on Wall street.

There was a cyclone in Alabama, south of Montgomery yesterday.

Shirts to please everybody in silk, percale and madras. M. Fishel.

Mrs. Ella Erven has returned to Citra and opened a millinery store there.

Mr. J. D. Adams, of Atlanta, son of Mrs. J. F. Edwards, is in Ocala and will accept a position at the Ocala House.

Squire and Mrs. Newsom, father and mother of Dr. W. V. Newsom, are reported seriously ill. Both have passed the 80th mile post.

Reports reach Ocala that two little cherubs have made their arrival to gladden the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Sparr, at Ventura, California.

Mr. Tunstall has leased the Montezuma hotel for a period of three years. All the store rooms in the building have also been leased for the same number of years.

Mrs. E. D. Haymen, after a pleasant visit to Miss Mabel McKean and to Mrs. E. M. Howard, left Wednesday for Lake City to visit her father, Mr. Charlie Finley.

"The Sam Clyatt Celebrated Fishing Club," of Tifton, Ga., passed through Ocala Wednesday from Homysassa on their return home. The car was gaily decorated.

Ocala has decided to have a $100 000 sugar refinery. Hope it may prove a success.—Metropolis.

This is a mistake. Ocala wants first to grow the cane and let the refinery follow.

J. F. Edwards, of Ocala, is in the city looking after his business interests. He reports business on the boom both in his hotel, the Ocala House, and saloon.—Gainesville Sun.

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Miss Lindsey, of Steubenville, Ohio, has spent the winter and spring at Citra, and has given several readings at social and church gatherings, which have been greatly enjoyed. Her recitals are said to be almost if not quite as good as a professional's.

A kidney remedy that can be depended on will be found in Prickly Ash Bitters. It heals and strengthens. Anti-Monopoly Drug Store, special agents.

The Odd Fellows of Florida held their annual encampment at Jacksonville this week.

From April 5 to April 11 there were shipped from the Miami station alone 18,301 crates of tomatoes.

Baker county has a woman who is the mother of twenty-two children. The mother is in robust health. Florida is a great state.

Mrs. J. S. Halliday and children, who have been spending the winter in Ocala, left for their home in Indiana this week. They were accompanied to Jacksonville by Mrs. H. L. Anderson.

The yield of the sponge fisheries of Florida in 1900 was 364,990 pounds, valued at $367,685. There were employed in the business 2245 men, 156 vessels with a tonnage of 1750, and 228 small boats.

An article we look upon now as a necessity is sugar. To our forefathers it was a luxury. The majority of families a hundred years ago never saw refined sugar. Molasses was their chief sweetening. My, how our great grandmothers would have revelled at the thought of "granulated sugar at twenty pounds for a dollar."

In her prayer asking for the appointment of a receiver to take charge of the affairs of Garrett & Gerig, Mrs. Garrett alleges that Mr. Gerig is a partner of Mr. W. E. McGahagin, who conducts a grocery store near the market. Mr. McGahagin denies the allegation and says that Mr. Gerig has not now, and has never had, a dollar in the business.

Mr. H. B. Stevens, of DeLand, formerly of Citra, was in the city yesterday. He is looking well and gives a glowing picture of the progress DeLand is making. He advocates shedding the orange groves and says Mr. Stetson's grove, under shelter, is very healthy and vigorous and requires very little fertilizing. The pineapple orchards in the vicinity of DeLand are looking well.

At the Baptist church Wednesday night Rev. J. T. Betts delivered a splendid lecture entitled "A Tour Through Palestine." His lecture was illustrated by moving pictures. Mr. Betts, who has a splendid voice, also sang a number of songs. The church was crowded. The proceeds of the entertainment go to the Ladies' Aid Society of the Baptist church.

As vaccination prevents smallpox, and quinine chills and fever, so Teethina prevents and counteracts the effects of the summer's heat, much dreaded by mothers with small children. Teethina relieves the many troubles incident to teething and the hot summers, and no mother is excusable for not giving it, for it costs only 25 cents at druggists; or mail 25 cents to C. J. Moffett, M. D., St. Louis, Mo. w3

Mrs. M. I. Lamberth, forty-seven years a missionary to China and Japan, is visiting Mrs. Emma White, at Citra. This distinguished lady delivered a lecture at the Methodist church there which was very greatly enjoyed. The lecture was instructive as well as entertaining, as she is thoroughly acquainted with the customs and habits of the people about whom she speaks.

Stops the Cough and Works Off the Cold.

Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets cure a cold in one day. No cure, no pay. Price 25 cents.

THE CONVICT LEASE SYSTEM.

"What shall be done with the convicts?" is the most important problem that will engage the attention of the legislature now in session.

The lease of the convicts expires December 31, 1901, and the last legislature appointed a commission of which Senator E. S. Crill, of Putnam, was chairman, to investigate the subject of convict labor in all its phases, and submit a report to the present legislature with recommendations of such changes in the law as the commission thinks should be made.

The commission gave the matter very diligent and thoughtful investigation, studying the convict problem from all points of view, having before them the systems of the different states, United States, and foreign lands, and embodied their recommendations in the form of a law the adoption of which they ask at the hands of the present legislature.

If the bill introduced by Senator Crill, chairman of the commission, is adopted, it will be a very great modification of the present system. It is in entire accord with the enlightened public sentiment on the subject and ought to become a law.

The convict lease system is engaging the attention of lawmakers in other states the same as Florida, and especially is this the case in the neighboring state of Georgia.

In the Atlanta Journal of April 13, Mr. Thomas W. Loyless contributes a very able, interesting and timely article on the subject.

He says the prison commission of Georgia refused to let the convicts be employed in the manufacture of stove utensils because it was felt that it would work a hardship to the capital and labor already engaged in that branch of industry in Georgia.

That covers the whole case. It is the argument boiled down, and applies to Florida with the same force that it does to Georgia and other states.

Enlightened public opinion is gaining ground everywhere that convict labor should not come in competition with free labor. It demoralizes trade and makes competition impossible.

It is urged in this section that this is primarily the cause of the demoralization of the phosphate business, and is entailing an annual loss to the trade, traffic and commerce of the state many times more than the price received for the convicts.

The system is as unjust to the phosphate miner in Florida as it is to the stove manufacturer in Georgia.

Not only do the persons engaged in the phosphate business make just complaint against the system, but the merchants, traders and farmers in the localities make just complaint also.

At the free labor mines the farmers have a market for their surplus products at good prices. They can dispose of fresh meats, poultry, eggs and vegetables in season, but just across the line at the convict mines they can not sell a nickel's worth.

A blind man can see the injustice of the competition and the baneful effects following it.

When the free labor mines are closed down, as many of them are now, it entails a loss not only on the laborers employed, and those who have their capital employed in the business, but likewise to the merchants, farmers, and the ramifications of trade in many directions

"What is to be done with the convicts?" is answered by Mr. Loyless in the article already referred to as follows:

1. Place the long term and desperate convicts in a walled penitentiary or factory, where they shall manufacture clothing, shoes, hats, hoes, spades, shovels, plows, and everything worn and used by all the state's convicts. But for no other purpose.

2. Place all female, old, decrepit and extremely youthful convicts on the farm to raise supplies of every kind, meat, syrup, corn, hay, etc., for the care of all the state's convicts and all the stock employed in the convict system.

3. Place all the short term felony and able bodied misdemeanor convicts on the public roads, where they shall be divided into divisions according to skill, physical condition or length of sentence—some blasting rock for macadamizing, others building bridges, others grading and others repairing roads."

Mr. Loyless tells what this change in the convict lease system would do for Georgia.

We embody his language substituting Florida for Georgia:

"Think of what this would mean for Florida. Think of what a system of roads Florida would have in a very few years with such a force constantly at work. Can there be but one choice as a matter of public policy, or of state development, between the present system of hiring out these convicts to compete with free labor and the proposition to utilize them in building for Florida a system of public roads that would be a pride and a blessing for all time to come."

"Take the convicts out of competition with free labor and let them build for Florida a modern system of public highways and you have solved a two-fold problem, and accomplished a double good that can but make this a happier, and at the same time, a more attractive state."

Purely as a matter of business, outside the question of humanity, which is a burning shame on the good name of the state, the present convict lease system should be changed and we are glad that a public sentiment is being aroused in that direction, and if the present legislature does not change the system, it will be done in a very little while. The system is now on its last legs. It can stand neither investigation nor criticism.

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First Picnic.

The Ocala Camp Woodmen of the World is growing very fast, and to celebrate its prosperity has planned a basket picnic at Silver Springs for Thursday, April 25. The rate via Anderson's road for the round trip from Ocala is 25 cents, with a free ride down the run on the steamer Helen. A committee will take charge of all baskets at the depot and see that the dishes, etc., contained therein are properly returned. Every basket should have the owner's name on it. The train will leave at nine o'clock from the depot near the Agnew residence. This picnic is not intended for Woodmen alone. Everybody invited.

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