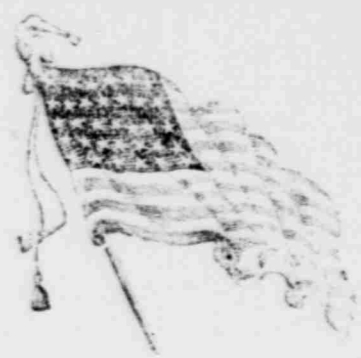


THE OCALA BANNER.



FRANK HARRIS, Editor.

Gen. Fitz John Porter is dead.

All the schools in Jacksonville will be rebuilt.

Forty thousand Italians are booked for the United States this month.

The Times at St. Petersburg is a most excellent printed and readable paper.

Mrs. Lyman G. Gage, wife of the secretary of the treasury, died last Saturday.

The United States has more gold in its treasury than any other nation, and perhaps more in its mines.

A man was recently arrested in Jackson, Miss., for a murder committed twenty-eight years ago.

The greatest city in the world will be found in the United States before the end of the present century.

A new bank has been organized at Pensacola. It is known as the American Savings Bank and Trust Company.

The Richmond Times believes that valuable oil deposits will be discovered within a radius of twenty miles of Richmond.

Hon. S. M. Sparkman delivered the address at the commencement exercises at the Leesburg Conference College Tuesday.

The yellow fever money, about which almost a scandal has been raised, will be used for the Jacksonville calamity sufferers.

Since the discovery of oil at Beaumont, Texas, the number of real estate transfers filed for record since May 11th, amounts to \$10,216,119.83.

Miss E. Nellie Beck has been unanimously elected editor of the Bartow Courier-Informant by the board of trustees. This is a compliment to merit.

The Pensacola Journal asks the question: "Which would you rather be the governor or the governor's father-in-law?" and intimates that it would rather be the latter.

Maion county is now in Hon. Steve Sparkman's district. The distinguished gentleman should begin making our acquaintance. We like an official who does not permit the grass to grow under his feet.

Mr. A. A. Persons, formerly professor of chemistry at the Florida Agricultural College, but now of the University of Alabama, will deliver the Alumni oration on June 11th at the Alabama Polytechnic Institute.

Adolph Ochs has three newspapers and a trade publication. Neither is as bright as the Tampa Tribune. If Wallace Stovall were in a big city he would make a fortune in a little while. He could give Ochs points to burn.

The bill appropriating \$75,000 for the enlargement of the capitol building has passed both houses of the legislature and will receive the governor's signature. The plans adopted will make it a most attractive building.

The treasurer of the New Bedford, (Mass.) Christian Endeavor Society has gone off with the society funds. The good book says "lead me not in temptation." Moral: There should be very little money even in a church treasury.

That was a strange visitation that befell the metropolis. All but two barrooms, the roof garden, the shacks, the houses of bad repute, were all or nearly all saved, the schools, convents, churches, armory, market, and temples of justice were all destroyed.

Our only regret in being promoted from the second to the first district is in parting company with Hon. Robt. W. Davis. But there is nothing to prevent Col. Bob from becoming a citizen of the first. Ocala would be proud of his citizenship.

The two Shamrocks, the yachts belonging to Sir Thomas Lipton, were disabled in a squall Tuesday. Both vessels were badly wrecked, King Edward VII was on Shamrock number two and had a narrow escape from being killed. The news of the disaster caused great excitement in London.

Mrs. McKinley, wife of the president, who was taken sick at San Francisco on his recent southern and western tour, and as was reported at being at death's door and as having crossed over the mysterious river by some newspapers, rallied and is now very much improved. She will be able to return to Washington in a very few days.

WHAT A GOOD MAN SAYS.

Mr. Josephus Anderson, D.D., editor of the Florida Christian Advocate, the Nestor of the religious press, and the oldest preacher on active duty in Florida, speaking of "insanity as a ground for divorce," says editorially in the columns of his paper:

"The discussion arising from the act of our Legislature granting divorce for incurable insanity has made some strange turns. On one side the act referred to is attacked in a way that might lead to the conclusion that our divorce laws would be all right if this last one were out of the way. But that is alas! not true, for we have long had worse divorce laws than the one in question."

Speaking of Mr. Flagler whose name has been coarsely and almost brutally used in connection with the passage of this law, Dr. Anderson says:

"There is too, I fear, an uncalled for personal element in the discussion. It may be true that a certain man's case suggested the movement and that his relief was partly in view, but I do not believe that his money paid any man to vote for it, or that he would stoop so low as to offer a bribe. That he has done a great deal for our state and deserves special consideration ought not to be called in question by any Floridian. He deserves to be honored and I would join in placing a chaplet on his brow. And Senator Adams and Governor Jennings are Christian gentlemen of high character, who may have made a mistake but ought not to be denounced as traitors to good morals."

How We are Misquoted.

In the articles that appeared in this paper on the subject of divorce, we said:

"We do not wish to be misquoted nor misunderstood."

"We do not believe that divorces should be sought nor granted for trivial causes."

"We hold the marriage relation to be the holiest of human compacts."

And yet Mr. A. M. White, of Fort White, misquotes us flippantly in the Florida Christian Advocate as follows:

"A new oracle has sprung up in these latter times in the person of an Ocala editor, who comes forth to teach wisdom to these latter ages in regard to marriage and divorce."

"He regards marriage he says, merely as a civil contract, to be broken whenever convenient. If you suggest to him, 'What God has joined together let no man put asunder,' he sneers, and says that is the veriest sentiment and cannot be accepted by sensible men as sound teaching at all. But the question is, who said that? And who is the Ocala editor? To which of these are we to give heed? He makes merry over imaginary cases of 'puppy love' and youthful mistakes which he says ought to be corrected at the earliest possible moment."

In Ye Olden Time.

A copy of the Ocala Banner of 1868 lies before us.

That was a time before the folly of specie resumption and though Ocala was not then one fifth its present size, the paper bears evidence of marked prosperity. It has more than eight columns of legal advertisements and other advertisements in proportion.

The terms of subscription were as follows: \$3 per year in advance, six months, \$2; three months \$1.

The advertising rates, \$1.50 for first insertion; each subsequent insertion up to one month, 75 cents; after one month, 50 cents.

Communications of a personal character, twenty-five cents per line.

Obituaries exceeding four lines and tributes of respect, charged for as advertisements.

The paper bears at its masthead, Horatio Seymour, of New York, for president, and Frank P. Blair, of Missouri, for vice-president.

The Good People of the State and the Convicts.

The editor of the Orlando Record says that the good people of Florida desire that the question of the disposition of the convicts be settled on other than purely financial grounds. They have no desire to make the unfortunate convict a source of revenue. They do not care to be placed in the position of living off the miseries of the state's prisoners, no matter how well deserved the imprisonment may be. The flesh and blood of no human being should be the subject of barter and sale in the free state of Florida.

Prisoners should be cared for, trained and, if possible, reformed. That is the duty of the state, and an aroused public conscience will certainly demand that our representatives see to it that modern methods in the care of prisoners be adopted at the earliest possible moment.

The Church and the Sabbath.

In the Southern Presbyterian general assembly which held its session at Little Rock, Ark., the permanent committee on the Sabbath submitted its report last Tuesday. The report emphasizes the difficulty, if not impossibility, of influencing the masses to maintain a decent respect for the Lord's day as long as the government requires its army of employees to work on the Sabbath and different states running of both freight and passenger cars and secular newspapers are allowed to pursue their avocation as on other days, publishing and selling their papers for gain.

More Gifts by Andrew Carnegie.

A late dispatch from Edinburgh, Scotland, says that Andrew Carnegie has given \$10,000,000 to be divided between the Edinburgh, Glasgow, St. Andrew's and Aberdeen Universities.

The fund will also provide for free lunches for the Scottish medical students and can also be used to pay the professional and commercial fees of students. The English and clonial students will not share in it.

The Ruined City Suggests a Beautiful Thought.

The following beautiful sentiment, suggested by the ruins of Jacksonville, written to the Savannah News, by Mr. J. W. Trench, of Gainesville, is worthy of reproduction:

"Saturday I went over to Jacksonville. There was no bridge of sighs to stand upon, and the palaces and prisons were no more, but over the charred earth sighs in plenty sped. Over the bosom of the broad river moans were creeping to the sea. The pines in Riverside were sighing a 'Miserere Mei Domine.' A khamsin wind blew over the city the dust of desolation. Men wept, women moaned and children wailed, but the stars came out with their wonted brilliancy and the hyacinths drifted on the bosom of the majestic river, outward to the ocean, oblivious to the misery they were passing. Over the vast flame swept section but one thing remained to tell of the touch of the hand of civilization—the Confederate monument. As I gazed upon the bronze soldier on top of the marble shaft I smelt the battle smoke and I saw the form of Pickett on the crest of Cemetery Ridge, flame wreathed and thunder shook, defying death, laughing at destruction and reveling in the carnival of annihilation. There it stood, a dull, insensate thing of bronze, just emerged from a hell of flame, but calm as Lee, looking with tear-moistened eye upon the desolation beneath, triumphant, but not the victor."

Another Feather for Funston.

A cablegram from Manila under date of May 20 says that Gen. Lacuna, one of the most prominent of the Filipino generals, with his entire force of 31 officers and 245 riflemen, surrendered to Gen. Funston yesterday. They were liberated after taking the oath of allegiance to the United States. With this surrender not an armed insurgent remains in Bulacan, and only thirty riflemen remain in Nueva Ecija, and it is expected the latter will soon surrender. Gen. Funston says if an investigation shows that any of the rebels were implicated in any of the violation of the laws of war or have been guilty of murder he could easily find them.

Gen. Wheaton telegraphs as follows: "All the insurgent leaders in north Luzon have surrendered, thus terminating the war in a part of the country so far as concerns armed resistance to the United States."

General Mexico, with four officers and thirty men, surrendered to Major Gilmore, of the Forty-third U. S. Infantry, at Baybay on Saturday.

The oil fields of Kentucky and Tennessee are the oldest in the south, they were drilled many years before the war. While the output is small compared to the great oil geysers of Texas, the oil is of a very superior quality and has always been pumped at a good paying marginal profit. The wells are now being enlarged.



OLD PEOPLE

Have a charm of their own when they are not weak and feeble, but hale and hearty, enjoying the sports and pleasures of youth though they cannot participate in them. The whole secret of a sturdy old age is this: Keep the stomach and organs of digestion and nutrition in perfect order. The young man who does not think of his stomach will be made to think of it as he grows old. It is the "weak" stomach, incapable of supplying the adequate nutrition for the body, which causes the weakness and feebleness of old age.

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