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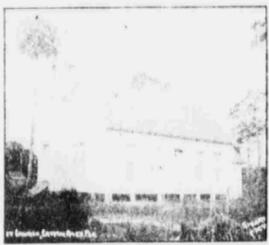
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ADVERTISING RATES.

The fish and oyster business is one of the pioneer industries, natural to the proximity of the river and gulf waters.



THE BAPTIST CHURCH, Crystal River.

The surrounding country are the great pine-land tracts, and the farms and cattle ranches. We would like to induce some thrifty German farmers to come and settle among us.

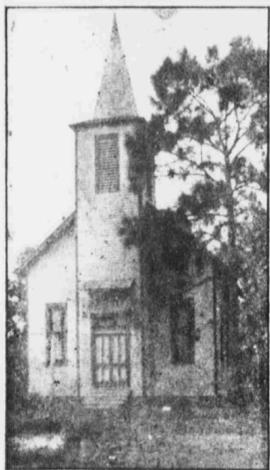
CELERY CULTURE FOR CRYSTAL RIVER.

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This, our Special Edition, is so crowded that we have not the space to devote to a general write up of the town and surrounding country which would really do it justice.

At the west, there is the great water highway, the Gulf of Mexico, of which the river, Crystal River, is one of its safest and most delightful harbors.



THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Crystal River.

Mills, taken collectively, we have three, not one or two-horse affairs, but mills that count their employees by the hundreds, and mills that have railroads of their own besides.

Of mercantile houses there are seven large ones and some smaller ones. There are two well stocked drug stores and two first class physicians for the ailing.

There are, of course, the other small or businesses; the ice cream and cold drink parlors, book and magazine agencies, barbers, cleaners and dyers, etc.

There is also the extensive ice factory, with its delivery wagons; the dairy wagon who brings the products of the dairy to our doors; the meat and the country produce men, and other minor factors for the comfort of the people.



MR. CLEVELAND EDWARDS, Manager of the Racket Store, Crystal River.

THE JOSEPH DIXON CRUCIBLE COMPANY.

The Joseph Dixon Crucible Company became owners of the factory in Crystal River, Fla., November 20, 1887, upon the death of the former owner, Mr. James Williams, who had brought it here from Tampa, in 1882, so as to have it in the center of the best cedar territory.

This territory extends now from beyond St. Marks on the north and west, and Tampa on the south, besides much cedar is shipped here by railroads from points all over the interior of the state.

Mr. Lewis Williams was the first representative manager of this mill under the Dixon ownership, dating from December 1, 1887, to the time of his death on June 20, 1890.

The present manager, Mr. C. E. Herrick, of Crystal River, was appointed July 1, 1890, and has been at the head of this plant up to the present date. He has proven himself to be exactly the right man in the right place; and has always, in both the prosperity of the business and the welfare of the employees, been in mind.

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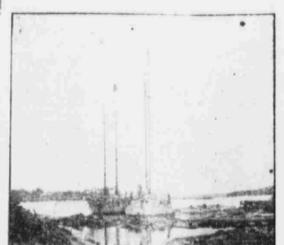


THE DIXON CEDAR MILL, Crystal River.

use this exclusively. The Dixon pencils are the only ones made of this Florida cedar.

The number of men actively engaged in the work of furnishing this stock, already cut into pencil lengths, ready for the groovers is, at the Crystal River plant, about 250, including the choppers and raftsmen. The employees in the mill proper, men, women and children number about 60, these, with their families, aggregate about 1,000 persons whose sustenance is dependent upon the operation of this industry.

Two naphtha launches, one schooner of sixty tons, and many smaller craft have been put on the river to facilitate the bringing in of the huge rafts and boatloads of the timbers.



UNLOADING VESSELS AT THE MILL.

There is a whole lot to be learned by the uninitiated regarding the choosing of a pencil, and the Dixon Company can teach it, and here, it can supply the practical demands in any and every sort of a pencil.

The company issues an index which is a complete guide for the users of pencils, as it sets forth the different degrees of hardness or softness required for special purposes. As the Dixon Crucible company makes about 1,000 different varieties there is no excuse for working along with a pencil which is not suited exactly to one's hand and business.

Besides the pencils and crayons, the company makes the best of rubber tips, erasers and disc.

Taking into consideration the many expenses attached to the manufacture of the finished article, when it is of such perfection as are the Dixon pencils, it is wonderful that the prices are so low. No doubt, the great advance in improvements in modern machinery,

and the skillful business acumen which knows how to regulate the margins of profit is the cause of this.

The Dixon Crucible Company are miners, importers and manufacturers of all kinds of crucible, lubricants and graphite products.

Besides their plant at Crystal River, their real crucible works and general offices are in Jersey City, New York, San Francisco, Philadelphia, Chicago, Pittsburg and London.

Jersey City is headquarters; and there the company was established in 1827, and was incorporated in 1838.

Co. Supt. R. L. Turner.

The excellence, and in most instances, the superiority of Citrus' public schools is easily found to be due to the conscientious, energetic and intelligent endeavor of superintendent R. L. Turner. Possessing a studious mind, a knowledge of the latest and best methods, a love for the work and ability to carry out the most approved line of work, it is but natural that the public schools should be known for their excellence.

Superintendent Turner has drafted many convenient and profitable forms for the office, especially, one very large record-book which is highly endorsed and recommended by the State Educational Department. Mr. R. L. Turner was born near Dunnellon, Citrus



MR. C. E. HERRICK, Manager of the Dixon Cedar Mill, Crystal River.



MR. R. L. TURNER, County Superintendent.

county, Florida in 1872. Was educated at the public schools, of Jasper, Florida, and finally two years in the Normal and Law departments of John B. Stetson University. He immediately engaged in teaching and continued in the work until upon the earnest solicitation of friends he was induced to become a candidate, in 1900, for the office of Superintendent of Public Instruction of his county and has since held this position with honor to himself, entire county and state.

Mr. Turner is a born teacher, and possesses a love for the work. He pre-



MILLER & SMITH STORE.

pared a schedule of salaries which has been highly praised by the state and adopted by several county school boards. Our "County Course of Study" drafted after his ideal of rural school work has been uniformly endorsed by leading teachers throughout the state.

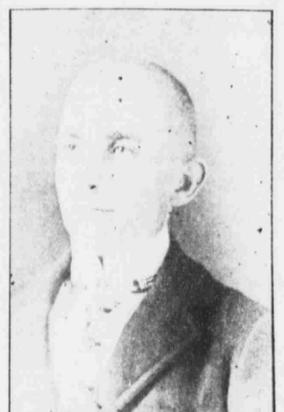
Mr. Turner is a man of a pleasing and obliging personality and is very much liked. He belongs to numerous lodges, and has a good standing in them. His business rating is high and he has always been found honest and a man of his word.

Mr. Turner is the secretary of the State Convention of County Superintendents, and a member of the Executive Committee of the Florida Student Help Fair. He takes a deep interest in his work, and being worthy, fully merits this notice.

And before we close this article we want to state that he takes just as much interest, and works as hard for the best interest of country schools as he does for town schools. They are all treated alike. School work is truly a labor of love with him.

Mr. Hal Edwards.

Mr. Hal Edwards was born and reared at Red Level, a sub-district of Crystal River. He spent his early youth on a farm, working hard, but



MR. HAL EDWARDS.

MILLER & SMITH.

The firm of Miller & Smith is new but both heads of this firm have had considerable experience in the mercantile line.

Mr. Herman Miller was born and reared in Crystal River. His father was one of the first settlers, and established a store when Crystal River was yet cutting its milk-teeth. After his aged father died, and he, himself, had finished his commercial education, Herman and his brother, Fred, went into the mercantile business together. This they carried on successfully for several years, but death came and deprived Herman of his brother and partner. A few months later, Herman

managed to get for himself a good education between whiles. Early in life he accepted a position as clerk in the Williams' establishment. This position he has held until he reached a high rung—until, in fact, he became one of the managers, and until he was counted a friend and confidant of those who employed him.

But Hallie has still higher ambitions; and he keeps his contentions on the "renter books" lest these ambitions take from them his very much needed and thoroughly efficient services.

Hallie is a financier and a speculator. He had noted the trend of coming prosperity, and had wisely invested in real estate and in town property at just the right time. Now he is already to be reckoned among the prominent, tax-paying citizens of Crystal River. Youthful ambitions, when combined with such honesty, industry, integrity and general uprightness as Mr. Edwards is noted for, are bound to be realized in time, so his friends confidently look forward to seeing him take his place among the industrial and political leaders of his town, county and state.

The personality of Mr. Edwards is a serious one when matters require earnest thought, but it is an exceedingly pleasant and jolly one when only the lighter lines of life hold his attention. As a salesman, he is a pronounced success. It is really somewhat in the nature of a treat to be permitted to do trading where one is waited on by so contented and genial a gentleman. He has a laugh which, once heard, is never forgotten, and the remembrance of it has ever the power of dispelling the blues. He has a good word for all, and the clearness of his eye, and the radiance of his smile is bright and far-reaching.

Thus far, Mr. Edwards has managed to escape the matrimonial noose—by what secret, but evidently successful, strategy we are unable to guess; but we know that many bright eyes look askance at this dilatory youth, and many a tender heart has he set pulsating at a speed far beyond its normal beat. Hallie is the catch of this town, and could make his own choice from the bright galaxy of pretty, smiling and only too willing maidens.

MR. J. B. CUTLER.

Some years ago Mr. Cutler was trainmaster on the Atlantic Coast Line, but here at Crystal River, he is more familiarly known as "The Ice Man." This does not mean that Mr. Cutler always keeps cool, no matter how trying the circumstances, nor what the thermometer is trying to do. Neither does it mean that he is cold-blooded, cold-hearted or anything of that sort; it simply means that Mr. Cutler has gone, very extensively, into the business of manufacturing ice; and not only has he established a large plant at Crystal River, but has established ice manufacturing plants also at Dunnellon and Lakeland. There is quite a difference in having ice right at home and in having to send to some distant city for it; so now all the people of three towns at least, rise up and bless Mr. Cutler.

No doubt, Mr. Cutler supplies a great many of the other towns along the line with this frozen needful.

Mr. Cutler is also one of the Crystal River Fish Company. He keeps a good commodious naphtha launch on the river, mainly, we suppose, to be used in the fish business, but we notice that Mr. Cutler frequently delights in giving his many friends from all over Florida enjoyable trips out to the gulf in it when ever they come to Crystal River. Frequently launch parties are made up here at home among the young folk, and the launch is hired for these pleasant trips. Mr. Cutler keeps a good engineer constantly in charge of the launch, who is ready to start out with it at a moment's notice.

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MRS. WILLIAMS-ALLEN'S STORE, The Oldest Business House in Crystal River.

MR. WILL KNIGHT.

Mr. Will Knight is a native of Georgia. He was born and reared in the vicinity of Valdosta, but early in life he came to Crystal River and invested largely in real estate, especially in turpentine lands.

He joined his brother, Mr. R. J. Knight, in the naval stores business. The plant in which Mr. Will Knight is particularly interested in is the large turpentine plant which runs two stills, and is situated about five miles east of Crystal River, at a place known as Lee's Mound.

With his estimable wife and very interesting children, Mr. Knight has his home in town. His residence is one of the finest—if not the finest—in Crystal. It is large and of a most tasteful architecture, the inner parts being finished in beautiful natural woods and fancy tilings.

Mr. Knight is a man of quiet demeanor, but sociable and kind withal. Public enterprises, or any measure proposed for the good of the town, he is educational, religious or municipal, finds him with a ready and helping hand.

Glady would we welcome more like him.



MR. H. G. MILLER.

sold out to Mr. Blanton, and thought to go out of business, altogether, but the commercial instinct was too strong for him. About a year later, he built a large two-story double department store, and with his brother-in-law, Mr. Robert D. Smith, as partner, again went into business.

Mr. Robert D. Smith was born in Cokesbury, Abbeville county, S. C. When quite a youth he decided to come to Crystal River. He arrived here November 28, 1891. He was then a stranger in a strange land, and was without money and friends; but he had that which is a passport to success anywhere, namely; pluck, industry and a high moral standard which he was determined to live up to. For several years he held a position in Mrs. Mary



MILLER & SMITH STORE.

Williams-AlLEN's store, finally having full charge of this large store of general merchandise. Later he held other high-salaried positions, the most prominent being that of head bookkeeper of The Dixon Crucible Company. This position he held for two years, to the entire satisfaction of the manager, Mr. C. E. Herrick.

The first of this year he decided to go into business for himself and on May the 8th, he was already opening up and marking goods.

This large store of Miller & Smith is on Citrus avenue. It contains everything in the line of general mer-



MR. R. D. SMITH.

chandise, dry goods, shoes, groceries, crockery, glassware, paints, etc. These are in two separate departments. Other departments contain feed stuffs, furniture and a full line of trunks. This firm is determined to supply the trade with every call.

Their stock is complete and new; not an article of stale or shop-worn goods can be found on their shelves. They have had a good summer trade, and already in the new fall goods, everything in the line of ladies' and gents' furnishings goods, are arriving.

Both these men are courteous and will give customers good value for their money.



MR. HERRICK'S LAUNCH, With Pleasure Party on Crystal River.