Some State Happenings

Florida Items Gathered from Our Exchanges.

Taylor county will have booze for two years longer, the election Thursday going that way by a small majority.

A Pensacola firm has an order for two million feet of lumber which is to be used to construct a summer palace for the King of Spain.

The East Florida Avocado Association is a new organization at Miami that will introduce a new and profitable industry in that section.

A. S. Willard, for four terms tax collector of Putnam county, has resigned to accept the cashiership of the Putnam National Bank.

At the present time there are 2,500 men working on the F. E. C. Railway Key West extension and the work is progressing ahead of scheduled time.

A test case made in Pensacola has resulted in a decision that the city's laws do not prohibit movining picture and vaudeville shows on the Sabbath.

The record of phosphate shipments through the port of Tampa was broken last month, 105,000 tons having been shipped from that port during the month.

The corner stone for the new court house of Jefferson county was laid on Thursday of last week and the event drew one of the largest crowds ever assembled in Monticello.

Dr. G. A. Nunnally having resigned as president of Columbia College, Lake City, the trustees have secured the services of Rev. H. W. Tribble, D. D., of Charlottesville, Va.

Bartow celebrated in grand style the completion of its $100,000 courthouse on the 25th. A tremendous crowd was present and a great barbecue was tendered the visitors.

Pensacola has an ordinance which provides that all restaurants, soda water stands, saloons and every place of business where food and drink are served must be screened.

Rev. J. W. Bigham, pastor of the First Baptist church at Jacksonville, has been sued for $20,000 for alienating the affections of a husband, the latter being his son, who married Miss Silva, of Tampa.

Miss Marie Autoinette Cary, a 15-year old Key West belle, eloped with a prize fighter named Wagner, last Saturday, and the two were arrested and locked up in Tampa. Wagner gave the girl's age as 21 in securing the license.

It is reported that a new road is to enter St. Augustine and a survey is being made in that vicinity locating a line from the St. Johns river. It is thought that the Illinois Central is interested, if not directly responsible for the surveo.

Instead of imposing a fine on "blind tigers" Judge Perkins, of Volusia county criminal court, sentences them to the county chain gang, holding that a man who so degrades himself as to sell blind tiger booze is none too good to build hard surface roads for the county. Fining them is the same as licensing them and is a continuous source of revenue and graft for unscrupulous officers.

With a prayer for forgiveness and mercy trembling on his lips, George Hawkins, a negro man, was launched into eternity at St. Augustine at 11:32 o'clock last Friday. Hawkins murdered Charles Joseph, a Syrian peddler, some months ago while the peddler was at his house plying his trade. Robbery was his motive.

The Jacksonville Metropolis of July 2d says: "The Metropolis today in a very quiet way is celebrating its 22d birthday. It is happy because it has earned the right to live and prosper, and because the people themselves have in the most positive manner plaged their aporoval on the efforts of the proprietors to conduct a modern, up-to-date newspaper." Merit will tell.

The Seaboard Air Line is considering the feasibility of building a line from Adopka to Wekiwa Springs, over the old Apopka and Clay Springs roadbed, which was abandoned several years ago. The extension of this road from Early Bird to Dunnellon, a distance of 15 miles, is now working 300 men and is to be completed within five months.

Mr. F. D. Roberts, of Levon, manager of Horne & Co.'s turpentine still at that place, was killed Saturday afternoon by a flash of lightning. Mr. Roberts was lying on a couch at his home when the lightning struck the telephone wires near by and was carried into the house over the 'phone wire. He left a wife and six children.

The total value of exports, including lumber, cotton, phosphate and naval stores, from the port of Jacksonville for the month of June, was $188,386.88.

The Bradentown Herald reports that C. P. Wandell's dog was cured of the bite of a rattlesnake by the external application of kerosene oil to the wound and tincture of iodine administered internally.

The attendance at the Gainesville summer normal school is encourging, many sections being represented on the roll, the enrollment also shows a higher average and a higher degree of scholarship than in former years.

Not many people in Florida know that there is a canning factory at Caxambas, on the lower edge of Lee County, which cans from 500 to 700 buhsels of clams daily. A Tampa man has recently invented and built a dredge to dig clams for this concern.

Willie Morris, son of J. A. Morris, of Ocala, was electrocuted in that city at 11 o'clock Saturday night. He was cutting in on the main wire to connect lights in houses in the western part of town when he received 3,000 volts and death resulted instantly.

All railroad property in Florida, with the exception of three lines, have been assessed by the State board and the assessments were generally higher than the last assessments, owing to increased equipments. The assessments of the larger roads were from $2,500 to $10,000 per mile.

An epidemic of glanders is prevailing among the Ocala liveries and two of them are quarantined by the State veterinarian. Out of about 30 horses and mules tested at the stables of Tompkins and Cobb nearly all showed symptoms. The epidemic has interfered with business in several ways.

Hon. N. P. Bryan's time having expired as a member of the State Board Control of our educational institutiones, Hon. T. K. Yonge of Pensacola, be comes the head of that body. The board has decided to erect an $800,000 science hall for the University of Gainesville and establish a law school.

It may be political heresy or party treason, or some other very reprehensible thing, but we cannot refrain from expressing gratification at the success of the Florida delegation in securing an increased tariff on pineapples. A duty of one-half cent per pound will go far toward relieving the Florida grower from the competition of Cuba and rate discrimination in favor of the latter—if such discrimination has existed. Protection, viewed in the abstract, or as a tenet of the Republican party, may be something to cause the Democratic donkey to kick and plunge, but its local application sometimes has a most pleasing effect.—Lakeland News.

If some one would compile a dictionary or glossary of baseball slang, says the Lakeland News, so that one could read with some degree of understanding the published accounts of the game we are sure it would make a hit. We are constantly being put out because of our inability to understand the distinction between a bingle and a bungle, and a book that would enlighten us on this and about a thousand other things we find in the baseball columns, would find us a purchaser at any sacrifice, even if we had to tell the bookseller to add it to our score. And, for heaven's sake, put in some new gags for the bleechers.

On Monday night last a southbound A. C. L. frieght train was held up at the railroad crossing about three hundred yards north of town by four or five men wearing masks. All trains have to stop at the above mentioned place, and the robbers laying in ambush appeared and demanded the train crew's money and something to eat. The engineer uncoupled the engine and came to town and reported the matter to the sheriff who, accompanied by two or three of our citizens, went back with him, but the would-be-robbers had beat a hasty retreat.—Jasper Banner of Liberty.

Those who find fault with the new pension law should remember that in proportion to wealth Florida pays more in pensions than any other state, the amount for the past fiscal year being $730,855.31. It must be addmitted that this is a heavy pension charged against a taxable wealth of only $159,903,230. In this connection an authority says South Carolina appropriates for her pensioners $252,353.60; Tennessee $375,000; Texas $500,000; Alabama $778,371; and Georgia for the year 1907, $932,685,65. Florida pays her Confederate pensioners more than twice pet capita the amount paid by any other State. Gainesville Sun.

Thomas R. Baker, Ph. D., the highly esteemed professor of physics and chemistry at Rollins College, has decided to remain at the head of that department for another year before retiring. Some months ago the committee of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teachers voted him a retiring allowance, to take effect when his active service ceases.

The government reservation for birds at and near Mosquito inlet has been extended by order of President Taft so as to include all the territory between the south bridge in Daytona and a line running east and west about two miles of Hawks Park. It is unlawful to hunt, trap, capture or kill any birds, or take their eggs within this reservation.

A new variety of the East Indian mango, known as the Cambodiana, is being propagated by Mr. John B. Beach, of West Palm Beach. This fruit averages about four inches in length and weighs about seven onces. It has some fiber which, however, is tender. The flavor is excellent and distinctly different from that of any other mango, the turpentine flavor being almost entirely eliminated.

Sentors Tallaferro and Fletcher, backed by J. C. Chase and the pineapple associations of the East Coast, have had the senate put a tariff on imported pineapples to the amont asked for by the pineapple growers of the state. To Mr. Chase is due a great deal of credit for the tax congress puts on pineapples imported into this country. He has done a great work for our pineapple growers, who saw their business going to ruin by competition with the Cuban pines.—Volusia County Record.

The Traveler's Joy.

The cream of tartar tree, which is also called the "sour gourd," grows in northern Australia and has a trunk which measures from seventy to eighty-five feet in circumference, but which is only twenty or thirty feet high. The wood is soft and juicy and when steeped in water provides the thirsty traveler with a refreshing and cooling drink. The fruit is about six inches long, shaped like a lemon and contains a gently acid pulp, which tastes like cream of tartar. Wherever it is to be found a small encampment of weary wayfarers unfurl their tents. When sighted in the bush the famous tree is always greeted with a song written by the early bushrangers called "Sing Hey For the Traveler's Joy."—New York Telegram.

All Unreceipted.

A titled Englishman was speaking of the impoverished nobility of the old world.

"What a German friend of mine said of his family is true of too many families. My friend was a graf. I was visiting his castle on the Rhine. He showed me there one day many proofs of his race's antiquity.

"'Dear me,' said I, stifling a yawn, 'I had no idea you went back so far.'

"He pointed proudly to an old steel bound chest of black oak.

"'Why, my boy,' said he, 'I've got bills in there dating back to the twelfth century.'"

Salting a Diamond Mine.

A man in South Africa while walking one day over his property with a party of prospectors suggested that they assay some of the soil. In the search that ensued eight rough diamonds were found, and offers began to fly through the air at a rapid rate for the land, when the host's wife called out to her husband, "Why, John, where are the other two?" The sequel to the story is left to the imagination.—Boston Record.

Very Quiet.

Lady Visitor—That new girl of yours seems very nice and quiet. Mistress of the House—Yes; she's very quiet. She doesn't even disturb the dust when she's cleaning the room.

Sustaining Life.

Mrs. Andrew Crosse in her "Reminiscences" describes an old nurse born at Broomfield, England, who lived to be nearly a hundred. "All her life she had eaten 'a dew bit and breakfast, a stay bit and dinner, a nommet and crummet and a bit after supper,' eight meals in all. Besides this it was her invariable custom to mix together all the doctors' stuff left after any illness in the house and swallow it on the principle that what had cost money should not be wasted."

Not His Fault.

Madame—What do you mean by coming home at 3 in the morning? Monsieur—I ash-shure you, m'dear, iss not my fault. The cafe has only juss shut up.—Illustrated Bits.

To commonplace people the extraordinary seems impossible.—De Retz.

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