

## Some State Happenings

Florida Items Gathered from Our Exchanges.

The Florida Citrus Exchange will hold its annual session at Tampa on June 7th.

The people of Dade county are said to be shipping the finest and largest crops ever known in that county.

W. T. Pierson, 59 years old, having a wife and three grown children, died in Jacksonville last Friday from injuries received in a runaway.

Mrs. Potter Palmer, of Chicago, has purchased 27,000 acres of land fronting on Sarasota Bay and a few miles south of Sarasota, where she will build a winter home and several cottages.

At Fort Dade the first organization of Spanish war veterans in Florida have just been organized, with a membership of about fifty. Capt. A. G. Clark, of Fort Dade, is organizer.

Capt. W. G. Shehee, an old resident of High Springs, bid his family goodbye last Wednesday, walked into his room, and deliberately killed himself with a revolver. He was a great sufferer from rheumatism.

Forty-two applications for pardons were received by the State Board of Pardons at the May meeting. Out of this number of applicants two were granted a commutation of sentence, five were paroled and four were granted conditional pardons.

Theodore Hart, who is charged in two cases with assault with intent to murder having shot his wife and her lover at Daytona, and who broke jail at DeLand a year ago, has been arrested in Chicago and will be brought for trial.

There is a report that W. C. Temple, of Winter Park, will be the new manager of the Florida Citrus Exchange. He owns and operates the finest packing house in Florida at Winter Haven and knows all the ins and outs of picking and shipping.

Mrs. Nita Whidby, of Ft. Lauderdale, was admitted to the Friendly Society Hospital at Miami Monday morning suffering from two bullets in her right arm, one in the hand, and the other near the elbow. The patient was accidentally shot by her husband.

At its session in Baltimore last week the Southern Baptist Convention voted to hold its session of next year in Jacksonville which means a gathering of at least 5,000 visitors in that city during its session. Some of the largest cities in the South were contenders for the honor.

The big fight in Volusia county in the late primary was for the nomination of a State senator, for which Judge Perkins, Jas. Alexander and Mr. Thornton were candidates. Judge Perkins carried the county, beating Alexander 233 votes and a majority over both of his opponents of 118. At their home the judge received 237 votes to Alexander's 103, the total vote of DeLand being 356.

While on the way from her home at Turnbull Swamp to St. Augustine with her 5-year old daughter, who was suffering from the bite of a dog. Mrs. Albert Solona was thrown from a buggy and badly bruised by the horse running away. The child in falling in some way clutched the front axle and hung on to it for a quarter of a mile before she was knocked loose and killed by coming in contact with a stump.

John Gladden, a negro from Crescent City serving a sentence for embezzlement, but whose right arm was so paralyzed he could not work, was murdered during the night last Friday by a 70-year old pauper named Porter, in a shack near the jail in Palatka. The old man, who was nursing the negro, owed him \$25 borrowed money, and this is the only motive yet discovered for the crime.

C. D. Lightsey a deputy sheriff and well known citizen of Plant City, was shot and instantly killed in a house in Tampa shortly before noon Sunday by Arizona Jackson a mulatto woman. Lightsey was shot by his own revolver, which according to the woman, who is now under arrest, was lying on a table in a room when the fight started. The man and woman both rushed to the revolver but the woman reached the table first then turning and firing at Lightsey. The bullet struck the deputy sheriff under the right eye and he was dead when medical assistance arrived. The woman was arrested shortly after the shooting and was free in her statements. It is claimed that there was some relations between the two. Lightsey leaves a wife and child, with other relatives in Plant City and vicinity.

Fred Abbot, a Pensacola deputy sheriff, was arrested lately for trying to commit suicide by shooting.

The Orlando city council has appointed a special committee to investigate the benefits of municipal ownership of public utilities.

An organization composed of twenty-six large lumber companies in South Florida, with headquarters at Tampa, will soon apply for a charter.

Mrs. Harmon Martin, wife of a minister, was seriously injured by being gored by a cow she was milking, at her home near Fort McCoy, one day last week.

Hamilton, the expert aviator, is to appear in Jacksonville on May 21, 22. Hamilton drives a large Curtiss aeroplane and does more stunts than a buzzard.

Julius Hanna, postmaster at East Palatka, planted two and a half barrels of seed potatoes and gathered 42 barrels from the planting. The land was irrigated from a flowing well.

Dave Brubaker and Josh Bennet, 16-year old boys, are in the Bartow jail charged with several burglaries in Lakeland. Keep your boys at work and they will not have time to study up mean habits.

G. H. Thomas, a flagman on the Seaboard Air Line, was killed at Halsema last Friday morning by a passenger train in some manner unknown, his body being found lying beside the track. He was 22 years old and his home was at Alachua, Fla.

The Florida Citrus Exchange is in the business to stay, but its policy will be different from the one of the first season. The past season it handled nearly one and a half million boxes of the crop of the State and the average price, f. o. b. was \$1.12 7 5.

Five hundred men were thrown out of work and the entire town was threatened by a fire which destroyed the plant of the Alger-Sullivan Lumber Company and nearby residence at Century Monday morning. The loss will reach \$50,000. The plant will probably be rebuilt at once. It was partially insured.

Merritt Wilson and Lester Perkins, 10 and 12 years old, whose parents live at Connor, near Ocala, were allowed to have guns and go hunting, with the result that a leg of the Wilson boy was so badly torn by an accidental discharge of the gun in the other boy's hands that amputation was necessary and he died on the operating table.

The postoffice at Courtenay was robbed to the extent of about \$10 on Thursday night of last week and Abney's store at City Point was robbed of merchandise a night or so later. The culprits have been caught and proved to be three boys 14 and 16 years old, sons of worthy people living in the neighborhood.

A smooth individual sailing under several names who has been taking orders from negroes for suits and demanding part pay was run in by the marshal of Sanford for cheating and swindling, last Friday, as he was about to board a train. He gave the marshal a long and hot chase and many citizens aided in the capture. The marshal thinks he has captured a notorious swindler.

The government hybrid citrus grove at Little River, which has been neglected for the past year, is being fertilized and worked under the supervision of E. V. Blackman. Hereafter the best possible care will be given these trees and brought into bearing as soon as possible. The trees are crossed with a variety of citrus fruits and it is expected that some new varieties will be the outcome of the experiment.—Miami News-Record.

The Tampa Times thinks, and we agree with it, that it is getting along to that season of the year when you should make sure of your complete readiness to put in that little patch of sweet potatoes that goes so far toward reducing the cost of living—if the living is done in Florida. The first of June is the time to plant, and now is the time to get ready for it by providing fertilizer, preparing the ground and arranging for the slips.

In the presence of Governor Gilchrist prominent navy officials and an immense concourse of spectators Uncle Sam's newest Dreadnaught, Florida, was launched May 12 at the Brooklyn Navy Yard. Miss Elizabeth Fleming, who was appointed for the purpose by the governor, cracked a bottle of wine over the bow of the leviathan as she

slipped down the ways. The hull, which is about 65 per cent completed, already weighs 9,000 tons, making her the heaviest vessel at the time of launching ever sent into the waters of this country. So great was the momentum of the unwieldy mass as it plunged into the East River that a great fleet of tugs, pulling with all their might. Were necessary to prevent the navy monster from plunging into the Williamsburg bridge. The Florida is the largest warship ever built in an American navy yard, being 521 1-2 feet long, 88 feet 2 1-2 inches wide, with a displacement of 21,825 tons. With her sister ship, the Utah, she outranks all Dreadnaughts in size now afloat except the Colossus, of the British navy which was launched a few days ago.

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Candidate for

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of St. Lucie County

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In making my appeal to the voters of St. Lucie county I do so upon the following platform:

First. In the event the prohibitory amendment is adopted by the people, laws should be enacted to enforce prohibition of the liquor traffic. If the amendment is not adopted, the present laws should be maintained.

Second. That race track gambling, according to its present practices, is subversive of the best interests of the State, and the present law, which goes into effect in 1911, should be retained upon the statute books.

Third. Taxes should be equalized. The burden of taxation should be lightened upon improvements and enterprise.

Fourth. The railroad commission should be strengthened in securing better service and lower freight rates on our products and in preventing discrimination against our products in favor of other localities and foreign countries.

Fifth. Since Congress has submitted to the Legislatures of the various States an amendment to the Constitution of the United States on the question of the income tax, and Florida being one of the few States which has not acted upon the amendment, the Legislature should place Florida on record in favor of the income tax amendment to the Federal Constitution.

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