GULF COAST BREEZE.

R. Don McLeod Jr., Editor, CRAWFORDVILLE, FLA., FEB. 25. 1898 VOL. 1. NO. 39,

LOCAL

Preaching at Beulah last Sunday was well attended from Crawfordville.

Well filled bags have been brought in by the hunters during this week.

The flock of wild geese seen going North last week, must have met a cold reception.

All of the old ponds which have been dry for some time were filled up by last weeks rain.

Jack frost spread his beautiful mantle of white all over this section every night this week.

Marrriage license were issued this week for Mr. J. J. Stanford and Miss Retta M. Hillburn.

Mr. Morris R. Cohen, was circulating among our merchants yesterday with his sample case.

Mrs. H. M. Mattair, of Carrabelle, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Giles, here this week.

Mary Ann Braswell, the aged wife Bob Braswell, colored, died last Saturday at their home near town.

Farm wagons, loaded with cotton for the gin, continues to roll in and Capt. Walkers ginnery clatters merrily on.

Madam rumor says that a Wakulla bride will be led to the marriage altar next Sunday by a Jacksonville groom.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Ferrell of River Sink are visiting the family of Mr. John F. Howard of Thomas county, Ga.

Dont mention Valentines to Mr. Lum Harrell, unless all the premiums on your life insurance policy are paid up to date.

Mr. W. C. Rouse is hauling lots of cotton seed from Walker's ginery, preparing to plant 10 acres in sugar cane this year.

Mrs. McLeod and three smallest children are visiting their grand mama and grand papa at River Sink this week.

Fire in the woods got so close to Mr. Galveston Durrance's new house last week that it burned a lot of his shingles, boards and rails.

Our worthy County Clerk J. J. Harrel has been having a serious wrestle with Lagrippe, which confined him to his room the past week.

A salamander was ploughed up yesterday by Mr. James Alligood He caught the queer little animal alive and took it home with him.

Capt J. S. Ferrell commenced hauling his cotton to the gin this week. He was not tempted by the price, but decided to get the cheap stuff out of his way.

The wild goose is not an infalible weather prophet, he some times goes North before warm weather and has to come back South and wait for several weeks.

The season for shooting game birds will be out now in a very few days The law makes no allowance for mistakes if you shoot a partridge by mistake for a lark the penalty must be paid.

If I Knew.

If I knew the box, where the smiles were kept,
No matter how large the key,
Or strong the bolt, I would try so hard,
'Twould open, I know, for me.
Then over the land and sea broadcast,
I'd scatter the smiles to play,
That the children's faces might hold them fast,
For many and many a day.

If I knew a box that was large enough,
To hold all the frowns I meet,
I would like to gather them every one,
From nursery, school, and street;
Then folding and holding I'd pack them in,
And, turning the monster key,
I'd hire a giant to drop the box,
To the depths of the deep, deep sea.
—Selected.

Dont Mix.

The beautiful little poem, "If I Knew." was selected for the BREEZE by a lady friend, who also sends us an interesting article discussing a very important religious subject. We gladly give space to such sentiments as expressed in the poem, but if our esteemed lady friend will just think for a moment she will see that such a discussion as is contained in her article, is suited only to strictly religious papers and would be as much out of place in a little country newspaper like the BREEZE, which is taken by all classes and sects of our citizens, for the news and county affairs, as a political discussion would be in a religious paper, which is taken for its religious teachings.

Loaded With Game.

We were misinformed last week, Messrs E. E. and Jake Langston and Dock and Jack Council did not go to Pine Island, but they did go to Shell Point, and returned Friday evening with a wagon load of fish and oysters, and forty fine English ducks. Mr. Langston and son returned to their home at Smith Creek Saturday, well pleased with their outing. Of course they called and suberibed for the BREEZE.

Jolly Times On Sopchoppy.

A bush cutting at Mr. S. P. Roddenberry's last Tuesday wound up that night with a big candy pulling and a general good time with the young people. The boys had worked hard all day clearing up new ground, but when they got with the girls that night they were not tired a bit, they were just in good trim for the frolic.

Solid Wealth.

A bed of phosphate 15 feet thick covering 40 acres of land only about two feet beneath the surface has been discovered in this county, by Mr. I. L. Dugger. If the specimen that he exhibited to the BREEZE, was a fair sample of the quality of the deposit, it is among the richest in existence.

Nature Aids Art.

A large rustic gate, of which Col. McLeod is very proud, has just been put up for him by Mr. J. D. Sauls. Two stately oaks stand for posts and a crooked limb and a gnarled root serve for hinges. The gate closes the entrance to his field and orchard, out of his wood and wagon yard,

A Cow Trap.

The tide water sink in Capt. Walker's field near Bream Fountain, is said to be a regular death trap for cows in the winter.

The tall saw grass that fringes its edges looks green and tempting to a hungry bovine, and when one once gets into it, she gradually sinks into the mud, and is held there until the tide rises and drowns her. The place is marked by the bleached bones of eight unfortunate cows that ventured into it.

Eli Gavin, who has charge of the field, tries to keep cattle out of it on account of the danger, but hunters and others are continually leaving the gate open, and last Sunday week a new victim was added to the list.

One of Mr. C. J. Ferrell's cows, that ranged with Col. McLeod's here in town, got into it and was drowned before she was missed.

The place had been perfectly dry for several weeks on account of low tides, but the south winds that prevailed about that time raised it to the highest mark.

A Delightful Prayer Meeting.

Miss Nattie Walker entertained her many friends very pleasantly Saturday evening, at the home of her father, Col. Nat R. Walker, in honor of her thirteenth birthday.

Instead of the usual birthday party, with dancing twistification, and other such games, the affair was turned into a prayer meeting, which was far more appropriate, and was enjoyed just as well by every one present.

In spite of the inclemency of the weather, a large crowd was present, both young and old. The time was spent in prayer, Scripture reading and singing until about five o'clock, when all were invited into the dining room where a surprise awaited them, in the shape of tables loaded with good things.

After all had partaken of the refreshments, they returned to the house, and the balance of the afternoon, until about dusk was spent in social conversation, when all departed, wishing their fair young hostess many repetitions of the day.

Blow Your Own Horn.

If you want an office, let the people know it. Office has quit breaking its neck runing around hunting for the man. It only cost five dollars to annouce and it is worth that much to find out what the people think of you, besides the consolation of knowing that you have helped your local paper to prolong its existence.

A Freak.

Among Mr. James Smith's goats, that enliven the streets of Crawfordville, is a kid covered with wool like a sheep. There are no Angora, or other wooly goats near here. This kid seems to be a freak of nature, possibly a half sheep.

A Sand Sifter.

Mr. Edwards' fine trotter made the trip to Tallahassee and back in six hours last Wednesday. The round trip is forty two miles and the road very heavy, but the horse wanted to go and Mr. E. just let him go.

Many of the old citizens of this county remember Rev, Valerius C. Canon, whose article from Jonesboro, Texas, appeared in last weeks issue. He has many relatives among the most prominent citizens of our town.

Tobacco Seed.

Since Florida has taken the place of Cuba, in tobacco growing, the getting of seed is an important item, and Col. Saussy, the accommodating General Freight and Passenger Agent of the C. T. & G. R. R., has interested himself in getting seed for this section.

The following letter explains itself:

Tallahassee Fla., Feb. 23, 1898.

Col. R. Don McLeod,
Crawfordville Fla.,

Dear Col: I have a small lot of choice Virginia PLUG tobacco seed, which I will furnish any of the farmers of your section with, enough to plant 10 or 20 acres. I can also furnish cigar tobacco seed, any quantity on application. Very Respectfully.

G. N. Saussy G. P. A.

In The Race.

Col. Nat. R. Walker has been appointed Assistant Clerk to the Senate Select Committee on Five Civilized Tribes of Indians, but he will be home about the middle of April to make the race for the Florida Legislature.

Col. Walker represented Florida at the last National Convention as a Free Silver delegate, and was one of the original Bryan supporters. He was elected reading clerk of the Convention by the free silver forces, and took a prominent part in the proceedings.

He has represented Wakulla very acceptably in previous legislatures, and is a strong friend of the fishermen and the fish industry of the county.

Col Walker is popular with all classes and the candidate who beats him for any office will have to wake up soon in the morning.

Read his announcement.

Long Sweetening.

A candy pulling was given Thursday night, at the home of Mrs. E. D. S. Moore, and the young folks turned out in full force. Those present were Misses May Council, Emma Boyd, Nattie Walker, Bessie Walker, Maud and Ola Council, and Kate McLeod. Messrs. James Dixon, James McMillan, Chas. Smith, Don McLeod Jr., George Smith, John Harrell, Albert McLeod, Remmington Smith and Herbert Moore, Mrs. Boyd and Mrs. Moore.

Friends In Need.

Mr. Lee Sauls, whose misfortunes have been many, and whose latest was to get his leg broken by a runaway horse, has been the recipient of many favors of late, in the shape of corn, potatoes, meat, meal, syrup, dry goods, cash, etc., and many of the generous donors are unknown to him. He feels so grateful for these favors that he can hardly find words to express his appreciation and thanks. His card of thanks is too lengthy for our space this week.

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Legal Advertisements.

Financial Statement

Of the Board of Public Instruction of Wakulla County.

Jan. 31, 1898.

RECEIPTS.

Bal brought forward	$125,78
" 1st Fm R. B. Council, Col. Rev.	66,33
Apportionment part of check No. 158 from state treas. redemp. and Tax sale certificate Dec. 31, 97.	25,19
	$217,29

DISBURSEMENTS.

Jan. 1, 1897.				
Maggie B. Long,	"	"	127	17,50
W. J. Gray	teach. sal.		130	13,37
J. H. Gray	"	"	131	22,50
Miss Mamie Farley	"	"	132	13,12
E. J. Dargan,	"	"	133	16,63
J. J. Harrell	r'e'd deed		135	1,50
W. J. Gray	"	"	136	15,00
J. W. White,	day on b'r'd		137	3,00
T. T. Rudd,	"	"	138	5,20
Geo. C. Floyd	"	"	139	5,00
R C McMillan, commission,			143	14,40
R. B. Montgomery	"	"	145	16,25
J W White,	day on b'r'd		150	3,00
T T Rudd,	"	"	151	5,20
Geo. C. Floyd	"	"	152	5,00
J W Farley sills sch. hse.			154	11,80
S. M. Revells 1 months sal.			155	20,00
S. M. Revells 1 month sal.			156	20,00
				$198,22
Bal.				19,07
				$217,29

We certify that the above is correct in every particular. J. W. White, Chairman. S. M. Revells Co. Supt.

STATEMENT.

Made under Sec. 34, chapter 4322, laws of Florida, showing the amount charged to the Tax Collector of Wakulla county Florida, to be collected for the current year, 1898, and the apportionment of the same to the several funds for which such taxes were levied, including poll tax with county school fund.

Total amount charged,	$5,715,63
Col. and pd. to Treas., to Jan. 3 1898,	150,89
	5,564,74

APPORTIONMENT.

County proper tax,	2,333,01
Col. and pd. to Treas., to Jan 3 1898,	59,04
	$2,273,97
County School Tax	2,916,01
Col. and pd. to Treas., to Jan 3 1898,	80,04
	2,835,97
Fine and forfeiture tax,	466,61
Col. and pd. to Treas. to Jan 3 1898,	11,81
	454,80

Attest J. J. Harrell,
Clerk Circuit Court.