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AT THE CHURCHES SUNDAY

Rev. G. H. Harrison, the beloved and zealous rector of Grace Episcopal church, preached to the Ocala lodge Knights of Pythias yesterday morning. This is one of the strongest lodges in the city and numbers some 150 members, of which some forty were present to hear a sermon appropriate to the 49th anniversary of the order in the United States.

The rector read for his text from verse thirty to thirty-eight of the tenth chapter of Luke; the story of a certain man who journeyed from Jerusalem to Jericho and in the road was set upon by thieves, beat and robbed. The passing of the priest and the Levite and then the good Samaritan, who seeing his suffering and condition, took compassion on him, succored him, took him to an inn and had him cared for. Now which of these three men was his neighbor?

The rector preached a strong and impressive sermon. He thanked the Knights of Pythias for the opportunity to speak to them. Referred to the story of Damon and Pythias and the wonderful friendship that existed between them and what the word brotherly love stood for and signified in the order. He said it was safe to concede the order appreciated all the word friendship stood for, the noblest attribute of man, in the light of the fact that it had attracted to itself in these many years nearly 700,000 members and that they believed in the words of their beautiful ritual and in consequence it was right to expect of them great things in promoting the welfare of humanity. Not only the K. of P. but scores of other fraternal and benevolent orders, mounting into the millions, were exemplifying the teachings of Christ. If words mean anything then we have a right to expect great things of these orders. Rev. Harrison said he did believe in secret orders in their exemplification of their rituals, which were founded on the word of God. He knew they had done great good. But how many were acting in the true spirit of the ritual? Not what I can confer on others by association with the order, but in a purely selfish spirit what can I get out of it? These are ingrates, to get and not to give. They are not true Knights of Pythias.

He then referred to the story of Christ. How he did not condemn the fallen woman, but said, "go and sin no more." That his spirit of helpfulness and Christian benevolence was for the world, irrespective of orders and their membership. How much better to serve Christ and love the world than to dispense charity and help by the insignia of association. That the true spirit of help was that which recognized the brotherhood of man the world over and to be responsive to Christ's teachings.

This is not even a synopsis of Rev. Harrison's fervid address for he spoke as he always does with a power that is born of a deep-seated conviction and consecration and the best and purest help that man and mankind combine in the love of Christ in our hearts.

After the sermon, Rev. Harrison mingled with his special guests, giving them a cordial greeting. Some of the members of the K. of P. sauntering home, thought the good rector had not only given them an eye opener, but "pressed back the lid to the orb of vision."

Rev. Wm. Shaw, of the Christian church and so well known to our people as a great organizer of Sunday schools in this state in years past, but now engaged in missionary work for the orphanage of his church, at Baldwin, Ga., and whose labors cover twelve states, filled the pulpit morning and night at the Christian church. At night he told the story of Ruth and so beautifully and touchingly did he present it, that it simply melted the hearts of his hearers. The application of the story was that men could not afford to remain outside the church. That God and Christ were everything to mankind and they should seek the church's love and protection. It passed his understanding how people who had been members of a congregation, had moved into other communities, taken their church letters with them, had put them in the clock or in a trunk and kept them there for years, without a thought of their association with their Maker. He also referred to the fact that in the great city of Atlanta, while the morning services were well attended, at nights the seats were almost empty, and the question with the churches was how to remedy and overcome this deplorable lack of church attendance at night and to induce people to come to service. Fine singers

and bands of music were engaged to attract church-goers. He did not sanction this course, for those who served the Lord should serve him in spirit and truth and not a purchased service; that if people really loved their Savior and were deeply appreciative of his love, they would find such pleasantness and joy in serving him that no worldly pleasure could tempt them to leave him.

Rev. Shaw is a great favorite with the people of Ocala and his friends here are always glad to meet this genial, lovable gentleman.

THE BAND AT EUSTIS

The members of the Metropolitan Band—twenty in all—who went to Eustis Saturday afternoon and played for the regatta Saturday morning and gave one of their concerts at Clifton Hall in the evening are most enthusiastic in their praise of the beautiful little tourist city of Eustis and her splendid, liberal citizens. A delegation of Eustis citizens met the boys at Leesburg with the steamer "Three Kids," and took them over to Eustis through the beautiful water route, Lake Harris, Dead river and Lake Eustis to the town of Eustis, where they arrived at dark. The boys were accommodated at the splendid hotel, Oklawaha and next morning after break fast the band headed the parade of school children, pupils from the Presbyterian College and citizens and after the parade began a concert at the boat house at 9:30, which continued at intervals through the day until dinner. Shortly after noon the regatta, participated in by about thirty power boats, took place from 12 to 1 o'clock, which was a brilliant and very enthusiastic affair. In the afternoon the band played several selections in front of Clifton Hall and in the evening, starting at 7:30 o'clock, gave a concert in the hall. The concert was one of the best the boys ever gave and they were showered with praise by the people of Eustis. The hall was packed and the boys were cheered to the echo. The specialties by the Messrs. Jake and Albert Gerig were simply irresistible and brought down the house. The citizens of Eustis were to give the band half of the receipts from the concert, after expenses were paid, but they were so well pleased that they gave the boys half of the gross receipts and the band has a goodly sum in the treasury as the result of the trip. They returned Saturday night on the midnight train.

A WASHINGTON PARTY

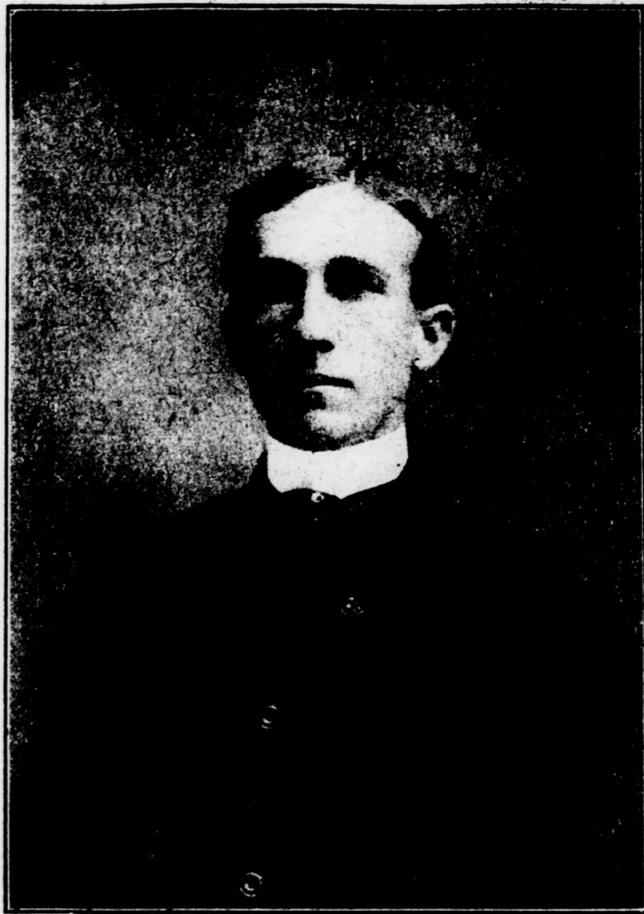
The Junior League celebrated Washington's birthday Saturday at the home of Miss Florence Walters, one of the lady managers of that order. The front parlor, in colonial colors, contained a handsome likeness of the great general, bits of history, scenes of his life, the Washington coat of arms and the family motto, "Exitus Acta Probat." In the second parlor draped in red, white and blue, with flags and shields, was a flag contest written for the occasion and much enjoyed. In the dining room cherry and nut ice cream was served. Cherry napkins were used and cake was passed in hatchet boxes. The luncheon cloth was in pretty flag design and the centerpiece was a cherry limb which supported a hatchet made from cherry wood in Mount Vernon. Lady Washington roses, ferns and hatchets completed the decorations in this room. A souvenir hatchet of Ocala, was given to Dester Phillips, his birthday occurring on the same day as that of "The Father of his Country." The Juniors present numbered about sixty and at the conclusion of the patriotic entertainment all expressed themselves as highly pleased with every feature, which was designed expressly for their pleasure by the superintendant and the genial hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Sexton and Dr. Powers went to Jacksonville Sunday to see their little daughter, who is in a critical condition from sore eyes. Mr. Sexton took the little girl to Jacksonville and left her with a specialist. They decided an extended examination was necessary, so the little girl was left with Mrs. Will McDonald and today a number of specialists, with Dr. Powers will pass on the case of the afflicted child and determine whether the child shall be sent to Dr. Calhoun in Atlanta, or Dr. Savage, Nashville. The child's affliction is of a sorely aggravated nature.

Frank Powell, the young man who was threatened with blindness and who the King's Daughters assisted in sending to Atlanta to consult Dr. Calhoun, has been heard from. He arrived safely and Dr. Calhoun speaks hopefully of his case. He expects to be operated on today.

The wrestling match Saturday night at the armory drew quite a crowd and the champions for the mat put up a lively tussel. The preliminary contest was between John Knight and Peter McIntosh, the former wiggler. In the bout for the evening Jack McIntosh proved the winner over Miller.

Odd Fellows meet tomorrow night.



JUDGE JOSEPH BELL

Elsewhere will be found the announcement of Judge Joseph Bell, candidate for re-election for the office of county judge.

It will be remembered that on August 11th, 1905, Judge Bell took charge of our county judgeship to fill the unexpired term of the late Judge Robert Bullock, which term will expire in January, 1909.

While Judge Bell is just twenty-eight years of age, his past administration of the office of county judge has demonstrated to our people that youth should not be held as a criticism against a young man coming into our public life and has substantiated the predictions of his friends that "though a young man, he would prove himself worthy of the trust conferred upon him and would prove to be a capable and upright official." An inquiry among the lawyers of our county and of our citizens who have transacted business with Judge Bell establishes the fact that he has always been courteous, obliging and fair and capable in the administration of his office and we simply voice the expressions of those whose business has brought them in touch with Judge Bell and the county judges' office and who thereby have had occasion to note the system applied and say that older and perhaps wiser men have adorned that position, but none have shown greater aptitude in establishing a more perfect system in the compilation of its records and the thoroughness of its work, and we believe that today the condition of our county judge's office stands second to none within the state for thoroughness and system. Judge Bell has demonstrated that he has every qualification for the very important position he holds, and that he has been faithful to the trust none can deny.

Although Judge Bell has only been in the public eye a few years, he is no stranger to the people of Marion county, for he is truly a product of Marion, having been born on a farm two miles east of Ocala in 1879 and in the "years that are told" has been a part of our county, growing up with it; a farmer boy attending our schools, reading law in the office of Col. Otis T. Green, of Ocala, from 1899 to 1902 and completing his studies at the University of Virginia, and finally casting his lot here among us in his native county and by a close attention to his duties as a lawyer, an official and as a citizen has won the confidence and esteem of the public.

Mr. Bell's parents came to Florida in 1850. His father, Joseph Bell, was a Carolinian; his mother, Mrs. Jeffie E. Bell, was born at Fort Valley, Ga. His father was one of the invincible Confederate veterans, a brave soldier under General J. J. Dickerson and an uncompromising democrat, so that Mr. Bell's antecedents are of a kind that will bear inspection and his citizenship since he came to manhood to high ideals. He became a member of the Ocala Rifles in 1899 and his devotion to the duties of a citizen-soldier has so won the confidence and esteem of his comrades in our state militia that they have promoted him from the ranks to first lieutenant and he is now assigned as adjutant of the third battalion, second infantry of our state troops. Judge Bell is a member of the Ocala Board of Trade and a public spirited man and no interests of our county or city have been brought to his notice but that he

has been active in his efforts to promote the same.

To add to Judge Bell's claim for re-election to the position he now holds, is the fact that it has been a precedent in the campaigns of Marion county, without an exception, that any one filling out an unexpired term and meeting all the requirements for the position is entitled to and has never failed of re-election, and again the fact that he has become thoroughly familiar with the work of the office and the law applicable to matters arising in his office should with great weight commend itself to the general public.

The office of county and probate judge is a most important one, and it is a fact not generally known that the same questions of law arise in the administration of this judgeship as arise before the judges of our higher courts and this, with the settlements of estates in which widows and orphans have an important interest, makes a man capable and well versed in the law as well as an honest man to preside, an absolute necessity in a county of the importance of Marion county. No one possesses these qualifications in a higher degree than Judge Bell.

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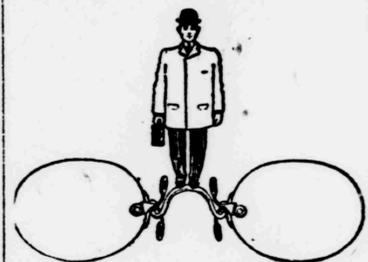
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MRS. HARDAKER'S PARTY

Mrs. Arthur Hardaker's card party at her lovely home at Marble Saturday to the Ocala Young Ladies' Card Club, of which she is a popular member, was one of the most delightful gatherings that has taken place this season. Everything seen and eaten reminded the guests of Washington's birthday. There were eight tables of progressive whist and one table of dominoes. Those playing the latter game were Mrs. R. A. Burford, Mrs. D. E. McIver, Mrs. Mallory Liddon and Mrs. J. Carstens, while the card players included Mrs. E. T. Helvenston, Mrs. D. M. Smith, Mrs. John Croft, Mrs. E. L. Maloney, Mrs. John Taylor, Mrs. J. J. Gerig, Mrs. C. V. Miller, Mrs. Lee Miller, Mrs. Arthur Clark, Mrs. Charles Rheinauer, Mrs. D. W. Davis, Mrs. C. E. Cullen, Mrs. Edward Holder, Mrs. M. C. Looney, Mrs. D. C. Edwards, Mrs. R. L. Anderson, Mrs. J. K. Austin, Mrs. S. T. Sistrunk, Mrs. W. H. Powers, Mrs. C. H. Lloyd, Misses Mamie Taylor, Lillian Goldnamer, Valeta Pater, Sarah McCreary, Hattie Dye, Esther Weathers and Grace Hatchell. Mrs. Edward Helvenston and Mrs. S. T. Sistrunk assisted Mrs. Hardaker in serving punch. The prize winners were Miss Louise Harris and Miss Sarah McCreary. The ride out to Mrs. Hardaker's pleasant home by the party will be long remembered as a delightful occasion.

IN PRAISE OF THE JUNIORS

The Junior Epworth League is one of the most interesting children's clubs that Ocala has. It would do any Christian's heart good to meet with them and note the interest and intelligence shown on the different subjects, different children taking part each Sabbath. Sunday was boy's day. The subject was "Our Neighbors," led by Dexter Phillips and his boy helpers. Alfred Rae recited a poem on the subject, Rae Ferguson read a piece, both handling their pieces well. Mrs. M. M. Little, the mother and soul of the club, sang the sweet song, "Help Our Neighbors." Too much praise could not be given her for her noble work with the children. Rev. Barnett gave a soulful talk, being the only "big boy" present. Each one listened in pleased surprise to his definition of the real gentleman and neighborly love. As the roll was called different children answered with verses from the Bible on the subject. Several songs were sung from the Culpepper revival book, and when asked who taught them, and when, answered Brother Burke and the temperance rally. They also have a paper, the editors and contributors being all of the League. It is to be hoped the older people will come to this children's meeting and encourage them.

A Visitor.

IN THE MAYOR'S COURT

The following cases were tried in the municipal court this morning: Antonio Domt and John Samnja were each fined \$10 and costs for selling goods on Sunday. Peter Howell, colored, was fined \$20 and costs for an aggravated assault. Alkan Lang was discharged. Ben Dixon was fined \$2 for using profane language. Pete Lawson was fined \$5 for drunk and disorderly conduct.

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