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March 21 In History.

1685—Johann Sebastian Bach, greatest musician of the famous family, born at Eisenach; died 1750.

1906—Benito Pablo Juarez, Mexican statesman of pure Indian blood, born in Oaxaca; died 1872.

1906—Decision by United States District Judge Otis J. Humphrey granting immunity pleas of five officers under indictment for conspiracy in restraint of trade, in Chicago.

ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS:

Tonight and Tomorrow Morning.
Sun sets 6:00, rises 5:56; moon rises 9:55 p. m.; moon at greatest libration east; planet Mercury visible.

March 22 In History.

1690—Sir Anthony Van-dyke, famous painter, born; died 1641.

1664—Cession of New Netherlands to the Duke of York by Charles II. of England.

1822—Rosa Bonheur, art. Rosa Bonheur, ist, born in Paris; died 1899.

1906—Dr. Robert Ogden Doremus, well known chemist, died in New York city; born 1824.

ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS:

Tonight and Tomorrow Morning.
Sun sets 6:10, rises 5:54; moon rises 11:01 p. m.; 8 a. m., planet Neptune apparently stationary; planet Mercury visible low in east before sunrise.

This is the season of candidates. There is not an office in the county for which there are not persons seeking either a re-election or aspirants for the office, but there is a question of vital importance to the school patrons of Ocala, namely: a board of school trustees, of which we have not seen a word in print. The present members are Messrs. J. E. Chace, W. T. Gary and G. W. Martin. They no doubt have done their work well, but so far as that goes not a word has appeared in print of their official actions. It has always occurred to the editor of the Star that work of this character should be made known to those who pay taxes and at least once a year a report for publication of the amount of taxes paid for maintaining our public schools should appear in print. In making this statement it is in no wise personal to the incumbents of this office, but to all officials who have the disbursement of public funds. Such reports are not only helpful but pleasing to those who are interested in the progress and welfare of our schools. If any such facts have been given to the public during the last eight or ten years we have no recollection of it. Again we repeat these lines are in no way a reflection on the honorable gentlemen who are the guardians of our school interests, that they have met and officially performed their important duties faithfully and well there can be no question, except that their visits to our seats of learning have been few and far between. A matter to be deplored, because private affairs are not so conducted, the work along these lines being supervised and the personal work of those in charge inspected and passed upon as either of moderate or the best class of workmanship, and this should follow work of a public nature. We understand the drawbacks, the necessity of attending to their own business and if convenient to take a general supervision of the public interest, because for this labor there is no compensation. We do not know whether the splendid citizens and excellent gentleman who compose the Ocala board of school trustees desire to continue to serve the public or not, but we think it a duty they owe the public to give a

resume for publication of money received and expended in carrying on our public schools during the past two years. If prepared the Star assures the board its publication will cost the taxpayers not one cent and prove to them a matter of deep interest as well as satisfaction. The question of our schools, which have an enviable reputation, are dear to us all, whether patrons or not, as they largely reflect our appreciation of education, preparing our boys and girls for intelligent citizenship and to that end we do not know a matter of public interest that should more deeply interest us. Lastly, would it not be a good idea to have on the board of trustees a woman, one who has the inclination, experience, qualification and willingness to serve and in that word serve not only meet officially to do the actual business to supply the school with teachers, as well as the physical needs of housing the scholars, but at intervals make visits to the school and note the condition of discipline and teaching that pertains to all its departments. The experiment of women on school boards elsewhere has wrought good results and we cannot see but it would be helpful to Ocala.

A GREAT DAY FOR BELLEVUE

After Twenty-One Years of Work, the Town Library is an Accomplished Fact

(Continued from Yesterday.)

Mr. R. C. Ridge, one of the pioneer settlers of Bellevue, then told of the fact that the land company of the village had set aside a lot on which some day it was hoped the people of the town would place a library building; that he with Prof. Bush and Rev. Harvey Woodard talked over the matter and thought it would be a good idea to have the people assemble and talk the matter over which led to the call already referred to. He pleasantly referred to the fact that he was pretty well known in Marion as being a true blue Bellevueite but was not known as a speaker and so gave way to the editor of the Star but as Mrs. Louis Terrell was down for a solo, "When you are not forgotten," which she sang with sweet expression. Rev. Sudfield was down for remarks, but excused himself by saying he was in hearty accord with the sentiments expressed and in the true spirit of Methodism could say amen to the occasion and a godspeed of progress and prosperity to the Bellevue library and all in authority over it, which struck a responsive cord in the hearts of all.

The closing remarks were made by the editor of the Star, who was specially invited to be present. His talk was that of felicitation and congratulation to all who had participated in this great movement: local thought was in character as a hand-maid to their excellent school; a lovely home for the good thoughts, sage advice and timely admonition of the thoughtful and wise men who had preceded those present, or, were still in the world, urging the brotherhood of man in the uplift of the human race in cooperation, sentiment, expression and work of bettering the world along lines of usefulness and happiness. He was somewhat reminiscent and touched on the fact that he attended and spoke at the first Christmas entertainment ever given at the Bellevue school, when the town had not been begun or named and still retained its cognomen of David Roche, its first settler and in whose quaint log cabin was the home of the school and into which the rays of the sun found ingress through the opening left by a fallen chimney; that the interior of the room was the stage for children to display their histrionic ability and the audience was seated in the open field on the outside, the light afforded to see the actors by aid of burning lightwood knots, as well as the fact that Miss Helen J. Nichols, now Mrs. Bittinger, was the teacher of said school and the next year when the foundation of the town of Bellevue was laid and new settlers come swarming, a new school building was constructed; the labor of some was given on moonlight nights by carpenters who were erecting buildings for new settlers, and entertainments given, the money from which purchased a door, windows and a stove for said new building, thereby adding more comfort and convenience to the school building than had ever been enjoyed by the children of that neighborhood.

We desire to say that we never spoke to a more attentive audience, nor one that gave us the satisfaction that they were entertained and enjoying the speakers words, and best of all, as a personal compliment, received a rising vote of thanks for the talk.

Then came interesting remarks from Judge Hopkins about the conditions that existed to become members of the

association, namely: the payment of 25 cents a year, inviting those to enroll their names, which several parties did; that now the association had the largest membership in its history. He read a letter from Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Brown, of Palmetto, both of whom had assisted in building up the association when residents of Bellevue. Mrs. Brown was then Miss Rouse. In this letter was a very humorous remark, what would Mr. Carnegie say when he learned of the fact that Bellevue had erected a library without invoking his aid. He also read a letter from Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Brooks, former residents of Bellevue, the former writing from Portsmouth, Va., enclosing a dollar bill as his mite towards this delicate service, while she indicted her letter from her home at Cambridge, N. Y.

The judge also made a formal presentation to the Bellevue Workers, a noble band of women, some twenty in number, who in season and out have been boosters for the advancement of the association, that they should deem the library the home of their future meetings and deliberations; that this band had contributed in actual money to the building fund \$140 by their untiring labors. That the building was free of debt, barring a small balance of \$16.12, which he hoped some generous friends present would wipe out and which was quickly done by Mr. F. F. Wendell contributing \$10, the editor \$5 and Rev. Sudfield \$1.12, which invoked hearty applause.

Another statement occasioned most hearty applause, namely: the announcement that Mrs. Bush presented her husband's library of many volumes to the Bellevue Library Association.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Brown of Palmetto, sent up a volume as a reminder that others might do likewise and it had the desired effect.

Then Coronation was sung and the happy crowd was invited to the town hall, where members of the Bellevue Workers were ready to serve all comers delicious ice cream and cake for the benefit of the library fund, and a goodly crowd not only filled the hall in the early evening but after the duties of the day had been filled, returned with others who could not be present in the afternoon and with song and story and delightful readings by Miss Sarah Bosworth, the notes of Judge Hopkins' graphophone and the good things to quench the thirst and stay the appetite of the afflicted, the night wore quickly away and all returned to their homes by the light of as brilliant a moon as ever shed her soft silvery light over earth. All conscious and proud of the fact that it had indeed been a red letter day in the social, intellectual and material life of the village and most hospitable and entertaining people.

The Building

A word about the splendid structure. It is the most unique and handsome structure of its kind in the state of Florida, and we have our doubts if a more sightly structure of its kind exists in the Union. The peculiarity of its construction consists of the fact that its walls are constructed of Florida stones found in the fields near the town, material that no one thought of until a winter visitor, an architect and builder of no mean ability, Mr. W. M. Cowles, of Bridgeport, Conn., who became interested in Bellevue and its library association, suggested those stones for walls. Then it was he was asked to draft plans, which he cheerfully did, giving the cost of the structure, which ordinary would have been \$1,500 or \$1,600, but was reduced to an actual expenditure of \$500 or \$600, including voluntary contributions by its large hearted promoters. Another peculiarity of the building is, after the space had been outlined 22x32 feet, no further line was used from its foundation to its cap-stone. The ceiling is high and pleasing to the eye. It has four large windows, a front and rear entrance, all of which gives the interior plenty of light and air. To add picturesqueness to the exterior and interior quite a number of quaint stone and shell formations were inserted here and there in the wall, adding interest to the same. One in particular is the image of the head of a shepherd dog, most striking in its likeness. The real beauty to the front approach is a cement walk and steps, with ornate copings and on said copings are immense pine cones made of cement. The attraction and beauty of the interior is its commodious fireplace and ornamental mantel. The pointings to the stone work are made of red plaster, the contrast to the gray stone giving an effect of red moss, so striking that it will attract the attention of the most casual observer, while the facing of the mantel is most artistic and inviting by the imbedding into the mortar and becoming part of the mantel, are beautiful coral shells, with tropical scenes, bronze and brass figures in miniature and additions of small mosaics that make up a picture of novel decorations that has not been seen before in Florida outside of the City of Oaks.

Praise was on all lips for the work so splendidly and generously done by Mr. Cowles, who has proved by his genius and skill that his heart was in the work and is a true friend of Bellevue.

The day was an ideal Florida spring day, with all the flood of spring warmth and soft zephyrs laden with the perfumes of opening blossoms and flowers, placing us all in raptures with nature's brightness and pleasing favors. A day memorable in the every day life of the excellent people whose example is worthy of emulation the land over and whose hospitality was as sincere as the day's lights and shades were pleasing and inspiring. A memory of a golden afternoon.

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Mr. W. D. Carn has been spending the past week among the schools of Marion county and reports the schools in excellent condition. One of the pleasant features of his official call was to note the good will in which the teachers are held by the patrons and children of the schools over which they so efficiently preside.

The Star office had the pleasure this morning of a friendly call from our old-time ex-editor friend, John Tillman, of the Sumterville Times, and now the county judge of that county, and a candidate for re-election without any opposition. Mr. Tillman's duties of county judge are not so strenuous and exacting as to consume all of his time in the office, so he engages to a certain extent in trucking and he came to Ocala today to get parts of irrigating machinery. He said the cabbage crop, so far as profit went, was a failure this season and today as fine cabbage as ever grew are being shipped from Warm Springs Hammock for 35 cents a crate at the depot. The cucumber growers, however, anticipate better results.

Dr. Jno. L. Davis and wife of Irvine, came down yesterday to visit Mrs. Davis, mother, Mrs. Volney Fant, and sister, Mrs. Archie McIver. They returned home by moonlight. The doctor remarked he had an incubator at work and had to make his visit short.

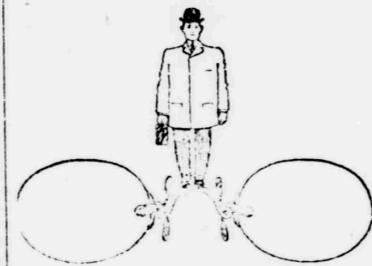
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FOR TAX ASSESSOR

I find that the citizens of Ocala decide for themselves what candidate they will support, and electioneering them has little or no effect. From the handsome vote that Ocala has given me, my assessments must be fair and just. I fully appreciate this support and indorsement and hope that you will favor me with it again in the May election.
Alfred Ayer.

BUSINESS IS BUSINESS

Walls are never too cracked and broken for me to finish in an A No 1. style with Alabastine. All colors and tints.
J. A. Morris, Jr.
"Decorating," that's my business.

Among those who participated in the dedicatory service of the Bellevue library were the Misses Maury and Souter, the popular teachers of the Bellevue school, whose term will end in one month. They have had a very successful term.

Dr. Wm. Lunsford, of Asheville, N. C., pastor of the First Baptist church in that city, will preach in the Baptist church tomorrow morning. Dr. Lunsford was for a time pastor of the First Baptist church of Waco, Texas, a pulpit filled for twenty-seven years by Dr. B. H. Carroll, father of Ocala's Baptist pastor, Mr. C. C. Carroll. Dr. Lunsford is a man of note among the Baptists of the South and is in Ocala for a few days as a visitor to our city.

The melon patches in and around Bellevue looked well, the watermelons being up and looking beautiful. There are about 200 acres of these. Among the largest planters are Mr. Nathan Mayo, the merchant and turpentine operator of that place.

We desire to thank the Star's spirited Bellevue correspondent for favors shown. She, too, is one of the faithful Bellevue Workers, a bright product of the Bellevue school, of which she is a graduate.

The Star had a pleasant call this morning from A. J. Easters, a deputy sheriff of Hillsborough county, with headquarters in St. Petersburg. He was accompanied by Sovereign Dame, both being good Woodmen. Mr. E. is here in his official capacity after a dog thief by the name of J. B. Bryant, who represented himself as a trainer of bird dogs and so worked himself into the good will and confidence of Messrs. Taylor, Wilcox and Miller, of St. Petersburg that each of these parties gave him a very valuable young dog to train. Dr. Taylor supplementing the dog with a fine \$50 gun and an abundance of shells for Bryant. Instead of training the dogs, Bryant sold two of them, one in Ocala and disposed of the gun in Leesburg and made his way to parts unknown. Deputy Easters got the two dogs and the gun, the third dog the party took with him. Mr. E. speaking of the political situation, said it was getting to a white heat in Hillsborough county, that he was in Tampa a few days ago and there were seven candidates for county judge and five for sheriff.

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