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APRIL 9 IN HISTORY.

1758—Fisher Ames, statesman and orator, born in Dedham, Mass.; died there July 4, 1898.

1865—Lee surrendered to Grant at Appomattox, Va.

1890—Stephen J. Field, associate justice of the United States supreme court, on the retired list, died in Washington; born 1817.

1905—Sarah Chauncey Woolsey (Susan Coolidge), writer of children's stories, died at Newport, R. I.; born 1835.

ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS:

Tonight and Tomorrow Morning.

Sun sets 6:29, rises 5:25; moon sets 2:45 a. m.; 5:46 p. m., moon in conjunction with Jupiter, seen this evening; 5:18 a. m., moon at apogee, farthest from earth.

A QUARTER CENTURY OF FAITHFUL SERVICE

Mrs. B. B. Ricker, of South Lake Weir, recently resigned the position of postmistress at South Lake Weir, after twenty-five years of faithful service. Mrs. Ricker has been an important factor in the material and social life of her section, and has established a record for fidelity to duty that few can equal, a record that deserves public recognition. It has been our good fortune to know this estimable lady nearly all these years and count her a friend. It affords us great pleasure to testify to her virtues and say, "God bless this good woman and her faithful and honorable stewardship," and may she live many more years to enjoy the consciousness of duty well done and the acclaim of the public.

IRVINE

We had not seen Irvine, a station on the old Gainesville & Gulf railroad about eighteen miles from Ocala, and its people for several years and passing through there last week we tarried for a little while to inspect the crate factory in which W. J. and J. L. Edwards, of Ocala, are largely interested, and of which L. K. Edwards is resident manager.

The mill within the past few years has been re-built and equipped with up-to-date machinery and is one of the most complete plants in the state. It is winning new patronage right along. It employs over 100 hands and is running on full time.

Mr. Geo. W. Easterling has charge of the books and accounts of the mill and is proving a very efficient man.

Dr. John L. Davis is the physician of the place and has the confidence of the public.

We had a minute's chat with Mr. Drew Mathews, a former resident of Ocala.

Mr. J. A. Jones, an old timer and his charming daughter, were at the Gelger picnic.

The melon and cantaloupe interest is quite large and the weather there, like elsewhere, is a topic of deep moment with the people.

The new management of the Gainesville & Gulf railroad is cutting the wages of its employees and in consequence there are many changes and many new men assuming positions along the line.

Mr. William E. McGahagin and J. P. Galloway happened to meet in the Star office this morning and exchanged reminiscences of Florida life thirty-two years ago, for that is the number of years Mr. Galloway, candidate for sheriff, has resided in Florida and in the early years of his residence in Lake county. He referred to the time when as a lad he drove an ox team from Leesburg to Silver Springs and freighted merchandise to and from said places, and recalled many of the moving figures who then trod the business stage of those days. In those times Mr. McGahagin was also a young man, having served four years as a brave Confederate soldier, being but eighteen when he laid down his trusty musket at the close of the conflict. He referred to the time when he was agent at Lake Weir landing on the Oklawaha river, a mile south of the present White's ferry at Moss Bluff and all their freight came to that point.

Mr. Emanuel Martin, who recently closed so successful a term of school at Fellowship, will resume reading law in the office of States Attorney E. W. Davis. Mr. Martin is a graduate of the law school of Cumberland University, Lebanon, Tenn., and under the old law in Florida could have been admitted to practice in any county of the state on the strength of his diploma, but the last legislature changed the law just three days before Mr. Martin returned home and under the present law every person seeking to practice law in this state must go to Tallahassee and stand an examination before the members of the supreme court to obtain a certificate making him eligible to practice.

CAN LIGHT LEAD US INTO THE LIGHT

It is pleasant to know what the people of Reddick think of Mr. L. S. Light candidate for the legislature, having lived among them many years. His record as a citizen is good, but the deductions he draws from his chart of Florida expenditures are sadly lacking in logical conclusions.

If Mr. Light is sincere in his statements, he proposes to go to the legislature and make the most startling reforms of the century. He says Florida's taxable property is valued by the assessors at \$140,000,000, but according to Governor Broward's statement the states assets are \$300,000,000 and therefore somebody is concealing from the assessors \$160,000,000 of assessable property and to that extent somebody is withholding their just dues to the state.

Now the question is this: Present needs require present amounts to carry on the state government, including, of course, county expenses. Now Mr. Light must have heretofore hidden light which if elected he will show to the other ninety-nine members of the legislature how this \$160,000,000 can be put on the tax books and assessed, and thereby cut the present taxation in half.

In a word this is Mr. Light's plan of tax reform and equalization. With the past as a guide for the future action of men in legislative halls, can Mr. Light deliver the goods? Is he deluding himself? Or is he the Reddick Moses that will bring about the millennium and cause all men to do equal and exact justice to their fellows? If he can he is the man to go to the Florida legislature. If not, he had better stay at home, for he never will accomplish anything.

It may be worthy of note as an item of information in connection with the beautiful drinking fountains erected on the south and north side of the courthouse square by the Civic League of Ocala to say that at the base of each fountain is a drinking trough for dogs and cats, which cost \$5 extra for each fountain, but it will also be noted on inspection that no pipe leads from the water main to these drinking troughs and if they are to be supplied with water to make them useful for the good purposes intended some one will have to fill them with water several times a day in warm weather, otherwise they are an expense without service. The fountains are so constructed that the water pouring into them can never flood and overflow the basins.

Mr. I. V. Stevens, of Shawnee, Oklahoma, arrived last night and is the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Stevens. Mr. Stevens is a promising young business man of one of the leading cities in the new state of Oklahoma with bright prospects before him. He comes to claim his bride in the person of the fair, sweet and gracious lady, Miss Hattie Dye, whose marriage will take place the later part of the month when Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Stevens will celebrate the golden anniversary of their wedded life.

Charles D. Tillman, the noted Sunday school singer from Atlanta, arrived yesterday afternoon and took charge of the chorus last night, to the evident delight of all who attended the interesting session of the State Sunday School Convention.

It is only law and justice to give the colored people equal accommodations when they pay the same fare as the whites, but there is one thing Mr. Roosevelt probably doesn't think of, and that is that the colored people are not as careful and cleanly as the whites. Start two cars, each equal in comfort and cleanliness, one for one race and the other for the other, at Jacksonville for Tampa, and by the time they both arrive, the car for colored people will almost always be twice as dirty as that used by the whites. Some of the troubles of the colored people are more their own fault than that of the white folks.

Ducks and chickens for Easter at Fishel's.



A GOOD EGG TO CRACK

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It will pay owners of property to have their taxes carefully looked after, and having an experience of eighteen years in the business am familiar with the records.

Attorney H. M. Hampton appeared before the county commissioners in behalf of his clients, Clark, Ray & Johnson, and Tiller and Stuckey, who sought release from leased turpentine lands, which had expired, or from which they had cut the timber, but which assessments still held against them. The board directed that in all such cases of the parties who had made such leases or privileges and said property was no longer theirs to use or the lumber been removed, if they would make affidavits to the fact and present them to the tax collector said, official would credit same.

Mrs. M. E. Washburn, of Belleview, is representing her community at the Sunday school convention.