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THE FAIR GROUNDS
MAKE GOOD SHOWING

The Marion County Fair grounds present an appearance of life and business. The buildings are completed and the interior arrangements are almost finished. Most of the stalls and pens for cattle, hogs, poultry, etc., are finished and the long line of stalls for horses is about ready. The well is finished and the big force pump quickly fills the big supply tank. The race track is in splendid shape and when it is finally scraped to remove the surplus sand, will be in tip top condition. The judges' stand and the grand stand have been thoroughly repaired and are ready for occupancy. Half a dozen show tents are up and other concessions are getting ready to open for business. The electric light wires and connections are ready. A number of exhibits have already arrived and horses are being driven on the track at all hours of the day. Every one connected with the fair is enthusiastic and feel that it is going to be a big success. President Geo. K. Robinson has set up an old stove and doesn't expect to eat another meal at home until the fair is over. Today he had dinner ready and invited the Star man to dine with him, but wanted him to pay \$3 for the honor, so he had to come to town hungry. Mr. DeCamp, who has been engaged by the association, is making a record of all exhibits as they arrive and writing out tags and entries. He will be constantly on the ground. Secretary D. S. Williams is in the up-town office in the Holder block, where he is as busy as he can be.

FIX EXPOSITION STREET

The city should done some work on Exposition street at once. The line that has been put on it is very lumpy and irregular and should be rolled or crushed. There are certain holes that should be filled and points of rock and other high places that should be leveled. There will be a great deal of passing over this street during the fair next week and it should be in as good shape as possible.

Mr. C. H. Dame is back from his trip to Terrell, where he organized a camp of Woodmen with sixteen members and named the camp after the prince of good fellows, Col. J. M. Bryan, formerly of Martel, and made him consul commander. While at Terrell Mr. Dame was the guest of Col. Bryan and family. Mr. Dame says Messrs. Bryan and Pillans, who are engaged in the sawmill business, are doing fine. Mr. Bryan came near meeting with a serious accident Wednesday, when with a lot of hands he was riding over his log railroad on a hand car. The car jumped the track, throwing Mr. Bryan sprawling and his shoulder was badly sprained and to add to his discomfort a 200-pound negro fell on top of him. The accident laid up this estimable gentleman for several days. We are glad to say he is able to be out and around again.

L. J. Martin, of the firm of Martin Bros., Moss Bluff, was in town yesterday selecting Christmas presents for his "best girl." He said they were busy grinding cane and expected to make about seventy-five barrels of syrup. He reported the big alligator in captivity doing well and if they could arrange transportation would show him at the county fair. He is a monster and a 200-pound hog is only a little bite when his appetite is good.

Bob Sanders of Dunnellon was in town yesterday. He said trade was not as good in the Phosphate City as usual, owing to the shutting down of some of the phosphate mines and a rumor was afloat that the leading phosphate men of this section held a meeting Thursday and decided to shut down all plants for three months.

Mrs. A. E. Wilson of Lake City is in the city and will remain until after the holidays as the guest of her daughter, Mrs. C. N. Schlemmer. Mrs. Schlemmer's brother, Mr. A. K. Wilson, will arrive in a few days also, to spend the holidays with the family. Mr. Wilson will graduate from the medical department of the University of South Carolina at Charleston next April, and will begin the practice of medicine in some town in Florida.

State Senator Withers of Lady Lake was in town today, and to a Star reporter said he was just back from a business trip for the state to Cape Sable on the east coast, to see that certain trespassers on a 10,000 tract of state land that had been sold to a Michigan syndicate, were dispossessed. The senator also took a trip down to the great concrete arches in Flagler's railroad to Key West. He said the arches proper spanned two miles of the seven that spans the sheet of water and the trestles on either side of the arches are being filled with rock.

Postmaster Squires of Eastlake was up yesterday and said the orange growers were holding their fruit until it ripens, when they expect a decent price for same.

William Nix of Kendrick and Mont. Atkinson of Oldtown, were callers in town today. The latter is not specially pleased with President-elect Taft's speech before the North Carolina Society in New York.

Mr. L. W. Wilson of Conner, was in town yesterday and paid his respects to the Star. He said the readers of the Star across the Oklawaha are anxious to know what became of the Perkins' buck. The suspense is growing awful. Some one answer.

AGATHERIDAN SOCIETY

The Agatheridan Society held its regular meeting Friday, Dec. 11, 1908. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and approved the following program was rendered: Subject, Sheridan and Goldsmith. Essay, Life of Goldsmith—Fred Kallenberger. Recitation—Elsie Liddon. Essay, Life of Sheridan—Fred Mercer.

Declamation—W. V. Newsom, Jr. Essay, Comparison of Sheridan and Goldsmith—Walter Liddell. Declamation—Siebert Davis. Essay, Life of David Garrick—T. D. Lancaster. Declamation—Whit Palmer.

Resolved: That a Ship Canal Across Florida Ought to be Constructed by the Federal Government. Affirmative—Curry Campbell, Paul Gates. Negative—Collie Clark, Laurie Izlar. Paper by the editor, Mary Seymour. The judges—Miss Lucile Moore, Gary Beck and Curtis Cron—rendered their decision in favor of the affirmative.

After the reports of the literary and parliamentary critics, there being no further business to come before the house, the society adjourned to meet again Dec. 18, 1908. Paul D. Weathers, Secy.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT

S. Y. Yarborough, of Dunnellon, who was tried for an alleged attempt to murder Deputy Dean, was adjudged not guilty by the jury in the case.

The D. E. McIver and Homer Dean trial took up the attention of the circuit court this morning. Our readers are familiar with the nature of the case, Mr. Dean, being charged with assaulting Mr. D. E. McIver on the porch of the Ocala House one night last fall with a deadly weapon.

The jury in the case was composed of R. E. Cole, D. Shaw, H. M. Sherouse, T. H. Randall, S. J. Jones and J. F. Parker. Attorney Ray Bullock appeared for the defense and States Attorney E. W. Davis represented the prosecution.

The jury brought in a verdict at short time after noon against Dean, finding him guilty of aggravated assault. The maximum penalty under this verdict is one year in the penitentiary or \$1,000 fine, and the minimum penalty is left to the discretion of the court.

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A. Brown & Bro. have completed the sale of the Teapot Grocery to Messrs. J. K. Christian, Geo. H. Ford and J. G. Spurlin, who will continue the business under the old name.

The store will be under the management of Mr. J. G. Spurlin, who is one of the oldest and most experienced grocers in Florida. Mr. Spurlin was for many years manager of the grocery department of the H. B. Masters Department Store, and for the last four years has been on the road in the wholesale line, which he abandoned to take charge of the Teapot Grocery. Mr. Spurlin will be glad to see his old friends at the Teapot and desires us to state that there will be no changes made in the general policy of the business which will be continued on the same liberal lines preserved by the former owners.

Mr. Christian is the senior partner of the well known firm of Christian-Dixon Company, of McIntosh, which is one of the most substantial mercantile concerns in Florida. This is Mr. Christian's first active interest in Ocala and we trust it is only a forerunner of many others. Mr. Ford will superintend the office work and accounting of the business, which position he is well equipped to fill.

The new proprietors of the store will use every effort to retain and please all of the customers now on the books and will make an active campaign for new accounts. Everything that is desirable in the grocery line will be handled, every possible attention will be shown to the patrons of the store. All of the delicacies of the holiday season will be found in their stock. The business will be strictly a retail one and all the energies of the proprietors will be applied towards making it one of the largest and best in the state.

The name—The Teapot Grocery—is a household word in this section of the state. It has been the aim of Messrs. Abe and Jake Brown to build up a business of which they could feel proud. They have succeeded admirably and for nearly twenty years the Teapot Grocery has stood for the best in groceries and its proprietors enjoyed a reputation second to none for honesty and for fair business dealings.

The Star wishes for the new firm a steady and increase in business and popularity, as the retiring firm has enjoyed, and being familiar with the business training and high standing of the new proprietors, we feel no hesitancy in saying that they have a bright future before them.

The trade has been pending for several weeks, but there is a world of work and many details to be arranged in the transfer of a business the size of the Teapot Grocery and especially when the business is a retail grocery.

Col. R. F. Rogers, who returned yesterday from Jacksonville, where he went on matters pertaining to his turpentine business, returned home today. The colonel is enthusiastic over the results of the labors of a decrepit mule and negro in growing a crop of peas and sweet potatoes. Of course it was done under the colonel's directions. It was poor scrub, pine land, but fertilizer and good cultivation did the work. There was not quite an acre of land but in bushels the crop counted several hundred and of the finest variety. Then the colonel has several tons of fresh pork already in cold storage and more to follow and the delicious sausage that now adorn the colonel's well-laden table were all produced by a little extra labor and work along the intensive line, an example that our people who tickle mother earth would do well to follow. The colonel is thinking seriously of showing some fine shots at the county fair. The colonel says that in his forty years at farming only once did his sweet potato yield exceed the one of this year, that was in 1872 on a richer piece of soil.

Messrs. H. S. Woodburn and Beardman, two gentlemen who recently moved to Anthony from Missouri, were in town today taking a look at Marion's county seat, with which they were greatly pleased. They will try their fortunes at farming and truck raising. The Star wishes them great success.

As a rule, a man's a fool;
When it's hot, he wants it cool;
When it's cool, he wants it hot;
Always wanting what is not.
When he's single, he wants to be wed;
When he's married, he wishes he was dead.

Post cards of the Seaboard wreck for sale by T. H. Mills, Studio North Magnolia street. 12-7-x

Will W. Stripling, the genial representative of the VanDeman Grocery Co., of Jacksonville, has turned in his grocery job and will hereafter conduct the Sanford Grocery, which he recently purchased. Mr. Stripling will be joined by his family, who resided in Ocala for several years, but are now in Jacksonville.

Prof. Jos. L. Wiley, of Fessenden Academy, was in town last evening, and paid the Star a pleasant call. He said the school was hard at work and had an enrollment of 240 pupils. All are taking a deep interest in the school interest at the Marion county fair.

HOGAN'S CAFE
And Oyster House, west side of the square, serves all kinds of quick lunches at moderate prices. Fish, oysters, game, poultry, steaks and good coffee. Eat at Hogan's. He has everything good and will make your

FLAT FOR RENT
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Prof. Zimmerman's moving pictures every five minutes at Fishel's.

AT THE CHURCHES TOMORROW

Presbyterian
Rev. W. H. Dodge, D. D., Pastor.
Services—11 a. m. and 3 p. m.
The sermon at 11 a. m. will be addressed to the lodge of Odd Fellows by request, a Thanksgiving sermon. The public is cordially invited to be present. Seats free.

Christian
W. H. Coleman, Minister.
Sunday school—9:45 a. m.
Elder C. E. Powell will preach at 11 a. m.
Junior C. E. meets at 3 p. m.
A cordial invitation to the public to attend.

Baptist
Teachers' meeting—9:30 a. m.
Sunday school—9:45 a. m.
Morning services—11 a. m. Sermon, "The Great Within."
B. Y. F. U.—6:15 p. m.
Evening services—7 p. m. Sermon, "The Choice of Moses."
A cordial invitation is extended to every one to attend each and all of these services. C. C. Carroll, Pastor.

Episcopal
7:30 a. m.—Holy communion.
Sunday school—10 a. m.
11 a. m.—Holy communion and confirmation.
At 11 o'clock the Rt. Rev. William Crane Gray, D. D., bishop of Southern Florida, will deliver the sermon and administer the rights of confirmation. The public is cordially invited to attend the services. No services in the evening.

Junior League
Meets at 2:30 o'clock. Leader, Samuel Phillips. Subject, "What to Give."
Song, Jesus Saves.
Responsive reading, Ps. xli. Prayer.
Song, Give Me Thine Heart. Chalk talk.
Reading, "Give Thy Life to Jesus." Bible examples of giving by five Juniors.
Song, Sweet Peace the Gift of God's Love.
Paper, What We are to Give.
Duet, Beautiful Gleanings Bring. Roll call.
Collection.
Announcements.
Song, You May Have the Joybells. Benediction.

A CORDIAL INVITATION
A cordial invitation is extended to all members and the public in general to attend the Christmas bazaar to be given by the sewing circle of the Baptist church at the residence of Mrs. E. S. Hall on next Tuesday afternoon. The costliest feature of the afternoon will be a "Silver Tea." Attend the bazaar and bring your friends with you.

GENERAL GRANT'S OPINION ON THE ARMY CANTEN
Cincinnati, Dec. 11.—General Grant, who was at Fort Thomas, near this city, yesterday on a trip of inspection, made some pointed remarks at the fort bearing on temperance in the army. Passing through the post exchange, where nothing but soft drinks can be sold to the soldiers General Grant remarked:
"However better it would be if the men could get their beer here as they used to do."

Pressed for his views on the canteen question the general said:
"Are you perhaps know I am personally a total abstainer. I never drink any kind of intoxicants, but that is merely personal to me and I do not try to force my views on others. The army canteen while it existed provided a place where the men could get light drinks—those who were inclined to spend their money that way and do no harm to themselves of any one else. Now the men who want to drink have to go off the post, and they fall into the hands of those who want to sell them all they can drink in the shortest space of time. They also get in contact with loose characters of both sexes and the result is bad for the soldiers and the army. In the canteen the profits of what the men spend go back to their company funds to improve their table. Now it goes to outsiders who have no interest in the soldiers beyond what they can get out of them."

"Will you take part in the renewal of the agitation for the restoration of the canteen?" he was asked.
"I think not. I have spent a lot of time and argument on it, but I believe the prohibition movement that is spreading over the country may perhaps make it unprofitable to renew the fight. In the first place we are getting more and more men into the army from sections where they have been trained in the idea that drinking is a bad thing, and then an increasing number of posts are in territory where the saloon is not allowed to exist. So the temptation to the men is not so great as it way. In the face of the prohibition wave I do not believe a new effort to revive the canteen would be successful."

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WEATHER FORECAST
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