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CHRISTMAS DAY IN OCALA

Christmas day was unusually well observed in Ocala. The only business houses closed for the day outside of the postoffice and banks, were the H. B. Masters Co. and the Marion Hardware Co. The other merchants remained open until noon, when they closed and went home to dinner.

While there were a good many people on the streets and doing considerable trading, in the main, the day was quiet. A great many visitors and friends were in town, the giests of other friends and the social board groaned under the toothsome edibles dispensed on that day and all enjoyed regal repasts and good cheer and good comradship prevailed in many homes to brighten the happy hours as they sped along to the shadows of the night.

All in all it was a very pleasant day, though in the afternoon dust flew in clouds and made 't very disagreeable for persons down town.

HOLIDAY TRADE

Early in the month the merchants were disposed to take a pessimistic view of trade prospects for the holidays based on the fact of unremunerative prices for truck during the summer months and indifferent prices for lumber as well as a general reduction of wages in the phosphate mines, as well as other industries in the country, but the fair week and the week preceding Christmas ,trade began to pick up and customers kept coming and this cheerful state of commerce continued until Thursday morning, when the crowd was so augmented that at time the sidewalk on the south side of the square was conjested and most of the merchants had their hands full to take care of their customers and when the grand rush wound up at sundown and the stores closed late that night it was the general consensus of opinion that the Christmas trade of the town was as good as it has averaged for the past ten years. Several of our merchants, those who were the most persistent advertisers, say that it was the best season's trade they ever did. The merchants all wear a cheerful smile and feel that they have not labored in vain. The hunting up of the old stockings in which the holiday money was stowed away for the past year, coming to the light and the fact that Ocala merchants had the goods, certainly brought the returns.

NOT AN AUSPICIOUS BEGINNING

A young colored man from Martel got into trouble Thursday by imbibing too much fire water. Result, he got into the jug. When he revived enough to realize his unpleasant and restrained position, he began a wail about his dear wife. He kept up the sad and heartrending wail for fully an hour, and the marshal knew there was something unusual in the plaintive wail. Shortly after a colored woman accosted the marshal to ascertain if he had seen her "man," for whom she had been searching in vain. He informed her there was a gentleman of color in the cooler, but could not say whether or not it was her "man." She begged permission to interview him and sure enough it was the person sought, but her arrival at the jail only intensified the wails of the maudlin individual on the inside. She inquired the price of his freedom. It was given. She said she had the amount and demanded his immediate release. The marshal said he was in no condition to be turned out. "Oh, I'll take care of him," she replied. "But how can you," the officer asked. "Why," said the woman, "I'll get the wagon and haul him off." "Very well," replied the marshal, "if you will do that you can have him." She got the team and the marshal had the man placed in the wagon and the woman struck a bee line for Martel. It developed as she drove off, that the couple had been married that morning and came to Ocala to enjoy their honeymoon.

THE FIRES CHRISTMAS DAY

An alarm of fine was turned in at 4:30 o'clock Christmas morning and the fire was discovered at the turpentine retort works. It seems a burning balloon that had been sent up fell on a pile of rosin and set it on fire. The fire department quickly responded and the fire was extinguished with the chemical engine. The loss was estimated at about $60.

Another alarm was sounded last evening about 9 o'clock. The party turning it in made a mistake, as there was no fire in that section, the fourth ward, but the alarm was caused by the burning of a large brush pile east of town, the brush having been carted there from the trimming of the trees on our streets. The sky was lurid with light for a half hour and excited must apprehension by those who saw the reflection.

The Sunday school children of the Christian church had a very delightful time Thursday afternoon with a Christmas tree. The school had a fine literary program and one of the pleasing pictures of the occasion was the rendering in pantomime of the sacred song "Nearer My God to Thee" by Misses Cappleman, Beckham, Dame and Wetherbee. Every child in the school had a part in the excellent program and the pleasires of the afternoon will long be remembered.

Mr. P. J. Theus, the furniture man, met with quite a serious accident yesterday while out hunting. He was about to climb over a fence when another party knocked a board off. A nail in the board struck Mr. Theus' right foot near the toes and the nail penetrated to the bone. The wound was a very painful one.

CHRISTMAS EXERCISES AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH

The Baptist Sunday school Christmas tree and exercises Thursday night drew a crowded house. The tree was not only large and well laden kith gifts, but beautifully resplendent with gold and silver trimmings and electric lights that added a charm to this delightful affair.

The occasion was one of the true Christmas giving spirit and all of the Sunday school classes except the infant class participated in this commendable act. The beneficiaries were the county poor farm, the Marion Farms Hospital, the county jail, the Marion County Hospital, the Baptist orphanage at Arcadia and the aged ministers of the Baptist church.

The following persons will constitute the committee to make the distribution: Messrs. Isaac Stevens, J. T. Lancaster, W. T. Gary, Dr. E. Van Hood and Col. J. H Livingston.

First on the program was a song. Then a five minute's talk by Rev. C. C. Carroll, pastor of the church, on the "Story of the Christ Child," and done as he always does, splendidly. Then came the distribution of oranges, appies, etc., to the infant department, followed by the sugar contributed by Mrs. Camp's class; dolls by Mrs. Durand's class; dolls and oranges by Mrs. Jordan's and Miss Bullock's class; tablecloths and napkins by the Baraca class and other cash contributions amounting to $20; Mrs. Van Hood's class contributed sheets and pillow cases. The class taught by Mr. Will Gary contributed towels for hospital.

Then came Santa Claus in the person of Mr. J. W. Akin, and he distributed the gifts from the Christmas tree.

A pleasing feature of the gathering was the appearance of about twenty girls dressed in orange colored paper, who looked lovely as they flitted here and there distributing the fruit.

The Philathea girls were dressed in white and wore a crown, with a star and the name of the class, and won the admiration of all who saw them.

All hearts beat with pleasant emotions when Mrs. Standley and Rev. Carroll were presented with elegant copies of the Bible. The occasion was a most delightful one and every face indicated that those present felt happy at the thought that in each mind and heart there dwelt the true Christmas spirit.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT GRACE CHURCH

The Christmas services at Grace Episcopal church were well attended and Rector Harrison preached an earnest and forceful sermon on the birth of Christ and its significance to the world. It was an appeal for all men to turn to him and his teachings and live the true and only happy life.

The church was beautifully decorated and presented a lovely appearance. The new organ was used for the first time and Miss Wartmann, the organist,, manipulated the keys most effectively and delightfully. The organ is without a doubt the finest toned instrument in the city and the rich notes as they rose and fell under the artistic touch of the organist produced a most pleasing and impressive effect.

The members of the choir wore their gowns and caps and as they marched from the vestry room to their places in the chancel, to the notes of the instrument, presented a very pretty and pleasing picture. The members of Grace church are delighted with the new organ and very proud of it.

THE PIANO VOTE

Ocala

Candidate	Number of Votes
Miss Vivian Dame	167,804
Miss Ethel Haycraft	163,600
Mrs. Hardy Croom	96,938
Miss Laura Norwood	24,005
Miss Edna Culverhouse	23,500
Miss Genevieve Smith	20,929
Miss Erin Yonge	7,321
Miss Carrie Odom	3,400
Miss Elsie Fisher	2,515
Miss Annie Laurie Perry	1,865
Miss Eloise Smoak	1,304
Miss Rita Knight	1,170
Miss Mattie Pyles	1,150
Miss Marlowe	1,145
Mrs. Alice Cline	1,235
Miss Clifford Pyles	1,035
Miss Clara Johnson	1,020
Miss Tommie Standley	1,000
Miss Ethel Edna Smith	1,000
Miss Fannie Mae Sage	1,000
Miss Edna Dozier	1,000
Miss Eloise Miller	1,000
Miss Mary Philips	1,000
Miss Lillian Thagard	1,000
Miss Margaret Walters	1,000

Out of Town

Candidate	Number of Votes
Miss May Bell Rutland, Rutland	17,924
Miss Mary Gale, Belleview	16,440
Mrs. J. W. Davis, Summerfield	10,625
Mrs. W. H. Bickley, Weirsdale	6,329
Miss May Reddit, Citra	10,449
Miss Mabel McLain, Candler	5,321
Miss Tillie Pasteur, Stanton	6,321
Miss Dora Morrison, Gaiter	4,329
Mrs. F. E. Smoak, Flemington	4,925
Miss Mamie Thomas, McIntosh	5,420
Miss Nannie Perry, Pedro	6,931
Miss Louise Trimble, Dunnellon	3,746
Miss Ruby Waits, Orange Lake	4,925
Mrs. Mary Beville, Bushnell	3,972

MARION COUNTY FAIR PHOTOGRAPHS

We can fill at once a limited number of orders for copies of the set of ten handsome photographs of the Marion County Fair: Exhibits, Stock, Grounds, Grandstand, Racers, Interior Views, Agricultural Exhibit, Machinery Exhibits, Woman's Work, Negro Department, etc. etc.

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BOSTON LADIES' QUARTET

Will be at the Armory Theater Next Thursday Evening

The quartet received encore after encore at both afternoon and evening sessions of the chautauqua and every number pleased.—Southwestern American, Fort Smith, Ark.

Of course a full house greeted the Boston ladies. Their music was fascinating, clarming and perfect. In speaking of the quartet, Bob Taylor had this to say: "I have heard many quartets, but this is the best one I ever heard."—Tishomingo (Okla.) News.

The Star had a pleasant call this morning from Messrs. H. D. and John Grantham, two young farmers from Sparr, who had the misfortune to lose two valuable colts, stolen or strayed. The ad. appears in the Star.

The Sunday school children of the Episcpal church enjoyed their Christmas tree this morning, making happy the hearts of the young people.

Mr. Bright, of Jacksonville, spent Christmas with his family at the Montezuma. He will return to Jacksonville Sunday night accompanied by his wife and children and they will make Jacksonville their future home, Mr. Bright having embarked in business at that place.

Mr. J. H. McCredie, of Fitzgerald, Ga., is in the city, visiting his mother and sisters. Mr. McCredie is in the employ of the Atlantic & Birmingham railroad. He said the new road was doing a good business and Fitzgerald was improving rapidly. He paid the Star office a pleasant visit and autographed for the paper.

Mr. B. W. McDonald, of Jacksonville, with his family is in the city for a few days visiting relatives. Mr. Mac. is a former Ocala citizen and we are pleased to learn that he is doing well in the metropolis of the state.

LOST—Strayed or Stolen—Two stallion colts, the largest about 21 months' old; color, bay roan, with small white spot in forehead. The smallest about one and a half years old; light cream with black mane and tail and one hind foot white. Were last seen the 21st of November near Mr. J. D. Hobkirk's east of Citra. Any information concerning their whereabouts will be appreciated by the owner and a reasonable reward for their return. H. D. Grantham, Sparr, Fla. 12-26-w2-d2

Veteran J. Q. Bishop of Flemington, was in town Thursday seeing the merchants and registered for the Star. He is seventy-six years old, but doesn't look a day over fifty.

IF YOU ARE A TRIFLE SENSITIVE

About the size of your shoes, it's some satisfaction to know that many people can wear shoes a size smaller by sprinkling Allen's Foot Ease into them. Just the thing for dancing parties, patent leather shoes and for breaking in new shoes. When rubbers or overshoes become necessary and your shoe pinches, Allen's Foot Ease gives instant relief. Sold everywhere, 25 cents. Sample free. Address, Allen S. Olmsted, LeRoy, N. Y. Don't accept any substitute.

Red Cross CHRISTMAS STAMPS at the Postoffice Drugstore. 12-14

We are headquarers for all good things to drink and eat. Good service and prompt attention. Hogan is the man.

Hoarse coughs and stuffy colds that may develop into pneumonia over night are quickly cured by Foley's Honey and Tar, as it soothes inflamed membranes, heals the lungs, and expels the cold from the system. Sold by all druggists.

T. D. Bryan, former bookkeeper for McIver & MacKay, but now in the turpentine business near Plant City, passed through Ocala today for Grove Park to join his family for the holidays.

One pound of paper and two packs of envelopes, very best grade, for 50 cents at Tydings & Co.

Call in and see the pretty line of fancy imported China that we are displaying. The Anti-Monopoly Drug Store.

The S. A. L. yard engine and crew while switching cars in the yard this morning, ran into and knocked two box cars from the track. The cars temporarily obstructed the main line, but were finally cleared away.

More people are taking Foley's Kidney Remedy every year. It is considered to be the most effective remedy for kidney and bladder troubles that medical science can devise. Foley's Kidney Remedy corrects irregularities, builds up worn out tissues and restores lost vitality. It will make you feel well and look well. Sold by all druggists.

Red Cross CHRISTMAS STAMPS at the Postoffice Drugstore. 12-14

When in Ocala don' forget Hogan's place. We will do all in our power to make it pleasant for you. Hogan, the whisky man.

Nearly everybody knows DeWitt's Little Early Risers are the best pills made. They are small, pleasant, sure Little Liver pills. Sold by Anti-Monopoly Drugstore.

FISH AND OYSTERS

I. E. Tompkins, the old reliable, is now keeping a strictly first-class stall in the city market, the last on the right, as you go in. He keeps all kinds of fresh meats, choice beef, pork, mutton, sausage, etc. Fresh fish received daily from both salt and frseh water points and choicest Crystal River and Cedar Key oysters received by each train. All are guaranteed to be fresh and fine. Also remember if you want employment or want to employ any one, consult me. I. E. TOMPKINS, City Market, Ocala.

Heart to Heart Talks.

By EDWIN A. NYE.

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IS HETTY GREEN HAPPY?

Item.—A plain old woman, wearing a dowdy black dress, with a slatternly appearing old hat tipped over a shrewd eye and a cunning face.

That is a pen picture of Hetty Green, owner of many millions, as she sits at her private desk in the big bank she owns in New York city.

Since the days of Russell Sage this woman has more ready cash to lend than any other person in Gotham. When taxes come in slowly and the city authorities need money to meet the heavy expenses they go to Hetty Green for it—and pay good interest for the short loan, you may be sure.

For many years Hetty Green lived in a cheap flat in Hoboken, just across the river from Manhattan, and paid therefor a rental of $19 per month. New York gasped when she gave up her flat and moved into the high priced Plaza hotel. It did not last long, though Hetty could have bought the hotel and never missed the money.

She went back to Hoboken and tried to rent the old flat, but it had been leased. She is still looking for a flat in that neighborhood.

You see, rents are cheaper and living is cheaper in Hoboken. And the grasping old woman pinches the nickels closer than you or I.

She lives only to pile up extra dollars.

So far as known, Hetty Green never gave away a dollar. It would be difficult to make her believe in the beatitude, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Therefore it is almost superfluous to inquire whether, with all her dollars, she is happy.

Not necessarily. Dollars won by commercial conquest may give to the conqueror a certain species of satisfaction, but dollars cannot bring happiness. Happiness and dollars belong to different worlds.

Wealth itself is like salt water.

That is to say, the more you drink of either the more you want.

And so this money mad little woman, at a time when she ought to be dancing her grandchildren on her knee, sits long hours in the bank. Besides the bank which she controls, she has many millions invested in real estate and securities.

She denies herself the comforts demanded by a twelve dollar a week clerk and goes on squeezing out dollars.

For what?

WALKING AS AN EXERCISE.

This heart to heart talk will be about the benefit of walking as an exercise and the why.

You know physicians recommend this as the best all around exercise known to them.

Why?

Let's put the matter in plain speech and print out the main words in capital letters:

In the first place, when you walk you RAISE THE TEMPERATURE OF YOUR BODY. It is like putting a lot of coal in the stove and opening the draft. There's something doing. Waste is being carried off and your muscles and nerves get needed nutriment when the temperature is raised.

Besides, you BREATHE MORE DEEPLY when you walk. And that puts more oxygen in your blood, and oxygen is LIFE.

And there's the skin. Millions of pores—little sewers—are opened up. Perspiration carries off waste, waste which if it stayed in your blood would poison you.

And your DIGESTION—walking aids that process and puts an edge on your appetite. And good digestion waits on appetite.

But that is not all.

There's your diaphram. That useful thing is a sort of movable stage platform between the chest and the abdomen. It is raised or lowered by the contraction or swelling of the lungs. When the lungs are filled the diaphram goes down and presses upon the liver, stomach and spleen.

Now—

This movement of the diaphram up and down, especially down, is like a massage on the liver, stomach and spleen. The massage helps to keep those organs in good order, especially the liver. He who walks regularly and systematically will have no liver troubles.

Nothing is here said about the MENTAL BENEFITS—the exhilaration that comes from being in the open, the joy that comes in knowing that your whole organism is in good working order—and the reaction of the mind on the body.

Do you see? Especially that about the diaphram?

It pays to walk, purely as a beneficial exercise, to say nothing of the enjoyment. It pays big.

He who constructed your body did not intend you to ride. He gave you two legs.

Every case of backache, weak back, bladder inflammation and rheumatic pains is dangerous if neglected, for such troubles are nearly always due to weak kidneys. Take DeWitt's Kidney and Bladder Pills. They are antiseptic and soothe pain quickly. Insist upon DeWitt's Kidney and Bladder Pills. For weak kidneys and inflammation of the bladder they are unequalled. Regular size 50c. Sold here by Anti-Monopoly Drugstore.

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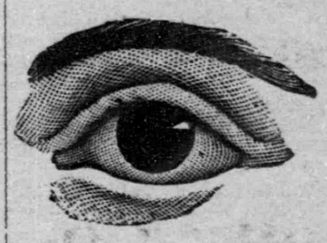

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