

EVENING STAR

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IS THERE A SANTA CLAUS?

On September 21, 1897, an editorial writer of the New York Sun, now dead, wrote the following beautiful reply to a little girl who asked if Santa Claus is a reality.

"Dear Editor—I am eight years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, 'If you see it in the Sun, it's so.' Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?"

"Virginia O'Hanlon." Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the scepticism of a sceptical age. They do not believe what they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy.

Not believe in Santa Claus? You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove?

You fear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart.

There is nothing else real and abiding. No Santa Claus! Thank God he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, say, ten times as many thousands of years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

Frank Walpole, the red-headed editor of the Manatee Record in his last issue comes out flat-footed for Senator Thalfar as his own successor. He says if Jno. N. C. Stockton of Jacksonville were in the race, he would be for John. He says he admires Broward; he is a good man, and in his race for governor and when he ran for senator he gave him unstinted, loyal and hearty support.

Hon. M. L. Payne of Fairfield was in town today the first time for some while, and to the many anxious inquiries why he didn't attend the county fair, said he was in the city in his absence. Mr. Payne's presence was missed as he is an enthusiastic agriculturist and a successful one.

Mr. Blackburn and Mr. A. D. Mitchell of Summerfield were callers in the city today. They said the town is overrun with new comers to create homes on land sold by the Florida National Land Co. and to supply accommodations the company is erecting a new hotel at the station which is about completed.

Mrs. D. E. McIver gave a 6 o'clock dinner yesterday in compliment to the members of the choir of the Presbyterian church, of which Mrs. McIver is the accomplished organist. The invitation included the husbands of the married ladies of the choir and with them Dr. and Mrs. Edwin P. Wolfe of New York. Mrs. Wolfe being the sister of the Messrs. Gerig. The occasion was a most pleasing social gathering.

Mayor Robertson issued a proclamation this morning, requesting all the municipal officials, stores and other places of business to close today between the hours of 3 and 4 o'clock, as a mark of respect to the memory of the late O. T. Green. About twenty years ago Mr. Green served one term as mayor.

Mr. John Sanford Birdsey was married December 10th in Macon, Ga., to Miss Rosalind Davis of that city. Mr. Birdsey is an Ocala boy, having resided here many years with his parents. Mr. Birdsey is a nephew of Mr. W. L. Jewett.

The auxiliary of the Woman's Board of Missions of the Christian church, owing to the absence of their pastor, Rev. W. H. Coleman, at McIntosh Sunday, held a meeting commemorative of missions and the program as published in the Star Saturday afternoon was carried out with interest and instruction.

The Epworth League held a business meeting last night and elected Mr. Cecil Bryant president and Miss Etta Carn vice president to fill out the unexpired terms. Mr. George L. Taylor was president of the league, but having been elected superintendent of the Methodist Sunday school, resigned his office in the league.

MISSISS WILLIAMS ENTERTAIN

The Misses Mattie and Carrie Williams entertained beautifully yesterday evening at the palatial home of their sister, Mrs. Richard S. Hall on Fort King avenue, in compliment to Miss Anna Mixon, who will be married tomorrow evening in the Baptist church.

The house was beautifully decorated with roses and carnations displayed in exquisitely cut glass vases. Nine tables were arranged in the parlor, dining room, back hall and library and when the handsomely gowned ladies surrounded them the picture was indeed a pleasing and animated one.

Miss Mattie Williams received the guests and passed them on to the punch bowl, which was adorned with bunches of black and white grapes and those who served the delicious beverage were Miss Carrie Williams and Miss Mary Phillips, a sister of the bride.

Mrs. R. S. Hall met the guests after their first had been quenched and conducted them into the parlor, where they met the receiving line consisting of Misses Carrie Williams, Mixon, Mardens, Bryant, Rachel Mixon, Melton, Mr. Tom Sykes of Tampa, Mr. Roy of Rockwell, Dr. Thomas of Alachua, Mr. Dave Williams and Mr. Emmett Robinson. Progressive whist was indulged in and the score cards, which were beautiful specimens of hand-painting in white and pale green wedding bells.

The color motif in refreshments, white and green accentuated with a faint blush of pink in the cream, chicken salad sandwiches, tied with green ribbon, olives and crackers. The ices were in the form of slippers, wedding bells and bridal roses and the heart cakes, iced with the initials of the bride and groom; the mints, green and pink. The menu was a dream in edibles and the devices so clever and ingenious it excited the admiration of the partakers. In all its ensemble the entertainment was one rarely surpassed in this city and will dwell as a sweet remembrance of the happy occasion.

The guests of the Misses Williams were: Misses Anna Mixon, Rachel Mixon, Mary Phillips, Corinne Williams, Rebie Mardens, Maggie Lee Bryant, Edna Nelson, Florence Melton, Pauline Sullivan, Eugenia Fuller, Janet Weathers, Betty Wray McIver, Alice Bullock Clara and Ophelia Gray, Alta Pearson, Messrs. R. B. Thomas, Lykes, A. N. Goodwin, C. B. Ayer, John Pelot, D. S. Williams, Jr., T. H. Harris, Sam Teague, W. D. Taylor, Hibbert Weathers, Troy Hall, Mrs. S. A. Rawls, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Lloyd, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Hall and Mr. James Taylor.

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OCALA FLORIDA

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT

The first case called was that of the Toledo Computing Scales Co. vs. A. B. and D. B. Kibler. The jury brought in a verdict for the defense. Major Izlar appeared for the complainant and Judge Bell for the defendants.

The ejectment case of John Jennings vs. Roley Frazer was transferred because Judge Bullock was disqualified. At noon a trespass case was being heard in which Attorneys Hampton and Hampton Gainesville and Tampa, appeared for the complainant and Attorneys Hocker & Duval for the defendant.

This morning when the court was convened Attorney R. L. Anderson announced the death of a member of the bar, O. T. Green and on motion the court adjourned at noon so that the members might attend the funeral.

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Veteran Bartlett of South Lake Weir was in town Monday shopping. He said he has completed the improvements on his residence and shipped all his fruit but a lot of satsumas, which are not ripe and for what he shipped he got satisfactory prices.

DO IT NOW

Ocala People Should Not Wait Until It is Too Late

The appalling death rate from kidney disease is due in most cases to the fact that the little kidney troubles are usually neglected until they become serious. The slight symptoms give place to chronic disorders and the sufferer goes gradually into the grasp of diabetes, dropsy, Bright's disease, gravel or some other serious form of kidney complaint.

If you suffer from backache, headache, dizzy spells; if the kidney secretions are irregular of passage and unnatural in appearance, do not delay. Help the kidneys at once. Doan's Kidney Pills are especially for kidney disorders—they cure where others fail. Over one hundred thousand people have recommended them.

Here is one of many cases in this vicinity. W. H. Story, 212 Jackson St., Orlando, Fla., says: "Doan's Kidney Pills proved of great benefit to me. For some time my kidneys were weak and the secretions passed so irregular that I was caused much annoyance. There was also a soreness across my loins. I doctored and used various kidney remedies, but it was left for Doan's Kidney Pills to relieve me. The contents of three boxes strengthened my kidneys and relieved the backache. I have great confidence in Doan's Kidney Pills and gladly recommend them to other people having kidney complaint."

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The best line of heavy guaranteed silver plate goods in all articles for the table, both flat and hollow ware, at A. E. Burnett's.

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR PROPOSALS Ocala, Fla., Dec. 7th, 1909. Sealed proposals will be received at the postoffice until 2 o'clock p. m. December 15th, 1909, for furnishing fuel, lights, water, ice, miscellaneous supplies, washing towels, hauling ashes, and sprinkling streets for this building during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1910, or such portion of the year as may be deemed advisable. The right to reject any and all bids is reserved by the Treasury Department. Geo. C. Cron, Custodian.

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Notice is given that the J. B. Martin Hardware company has applied to the judge of the circuit court for an order of dissolution, and that said matter will be further heard and application made for final dissolution on the 20th day of December, 1909, at 10 o'clock a. m. J. B. Martin, R. S. Hall, S. A. Rawls, L. J. Knight, Stockholders in said company.

AWFUL DISASTER NEAR ERIE

Twentieth Century Limited Plows Into Read of a Lake Shore Passenger Train—Six Killed and Many Others Injured

Erie, Pa., Dec. 14.—The Twentieth Century Limited, the New York Central train en route from Chicago to New York, collided with the rear end of passenger train No. 19, on the Lake Shore railroad at Northeast Philadelphia, sixteen miles each here, shortly after midnight. At the time of the collision the Twentieth Century Limited was easily making sixty miles an hour. Six bodies have already been taken from the wreck and it is believed that many more fatalities have occurred.

A POLICEMAN'S TESTIMONY

J. N. Paterson, night policeman of Nashua, Iowa, writes: "Last winter I had a bad cold on my lungs and tried at least half a dozen advertised cough medicines and had treatment from two physicians without getting any benefit. A friend recommended Foley's Honey and Tar and two-thirds of a bottle cured me. I consider it the greatest cough and lung medicine in the world." Sold by all druggists.

SECOND TRIAL OF MATRIMONY FOR SYLVIA SPEER

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 14.—Two minutes after Mrs. Sylvia Speer Thomas, the daughter of W. A. Speer, well known in financial circles, was granted a total divorce from her father's chauffeur, R. J. Thomas, in the superior court yesterday, a marriage license was issued to Marshall C. McKinzie and Miss Sylvia Speer.

Miss Speer's divorce was secured on allegations that she was forced to marry the chauffeur because the man had made threats of violence against her father unless the daughter consented to elope with him.

Immediately after the parties involved left the court room, they were driven to the Speer residence on Peachtree street, where the wedding ceremony was performed in the presence of a large party of friends.

Another chapter in the Speer case also concluded yesterday when a verdict was rendered in the superior court in favor of W. A. Speer, who was sued by his chauffeur, Thomas for \$100,000 for alienation of his wife's affections.

The elopement of beautiful Sylvia Speer with her father's handsome young chauffeur fourteen months ago, created a sensation.

The next time one of the children catch cold, give it something that will promptly and freely but gently move the bowels. In that way the cold will at once be driven out of the system. Kennedy's Laxative Cough Syrup moves the bowels promptly and freely, yet gently, and at the same time heals irritation and stops the cough. It is especially good for children. Sold by all druggists.

SAVANNAH POLICE THINK THEY HAVE THE MAN

Savannah, Dec. 14.—Developments in the aftermath of the triple murder of last Friday afternoon gave birth to the startling theory that not a single murderer but two and possibly three were engaged in the commission of the terrible crime. County officers declare that of these J. H. Hunter, husband of Mrs. Maggie Hunter, whose death yesterday added a third to the number of murdered women, is certainly one.

Mrs. S. Joyce, Claremont, N. H., writes: "About a year ago I bought two bottles of Foley's Kidney Remedy. It cured me of a severe case of kidney trouble of several years standing. It certainly is a grand, good medicine, and I heartily recommend it." Sold by all druggists.

U. S. CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS

A competitive examination under the rules of the Civil Service Commission, for the position of fireman-laborer in the custodial service, Ocala, Fla., will be held on Dec. 29, 1909. Applications for this examination must be made on the prescribed form which, with necessary instructions, may be obtained from the commission's local representative, Mr. E. F. Borden, at the Ocala, Fla., postoffice, or from the undersigned. Applications will not be accepted unless received by the undersigned before 4:30 o'clock, p. m. on Dec. 29, 1909. All persons wishing to take this examination should secure blanks and fill them out at once in order to allow time for any necessary corrections. George S. Donnell, Secretary, Civil Service Board, Atlanta, Ga.

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