

EVENING STAR

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AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH

Preachers as well as other speakers are always inspired at the sight of a large audience, and in addition to that if he feels that he has the sympathy of his audience he is very apt to do his best.

The congregation and speaker at the Baptist church on Sunday morning was a case in point. There being no services at the Methodist church a large part of the congregation went to hear the Rev. H. E. Gabby and seats were at a premium.

He took for his text 2nd Corinthians, 9:15: "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift." In part he said that the whole chapter was devoted to the question of giving and finished up with the matchless words of the text. Some people never speak of an offering at church but always speak of it as a collection, a sort of a necessary evil but Paul called it an offering and pointed with pride to the fact that the youngest band of Christian converts had given so liberally to the older Christians. The unspeakable gift was undoubtedly God's gift of his only son for the redemption of a lost world. God's unspeakable gift includes all gifts and when we know that he gave such a gift no sacrifice on our part should be too great to present our gifts to him at Christmas.

Speaking of Christmas and its meaning he said there is nothing in history to prove the exact date of Christ's birth, that it is generally conceded that our date is an error as shepherds did not "watch their flocks by night" at this season of the year. The Romans however kept the last of winter and the promise of spring as a great festival and the Roman church used the same date for the birth of Christ. The exact date however was not at all material. It is enough for us to know that we are richer because Christ became poor and we rejoice because he did come.

Mr. Gabby paid his respects to people who teach their children there is no Santa Claus. At the same time he considered that the parents of children were the proper people to decide that question. He spoke of St. Nicholas a bishop of the church in the year 300, and told a pretty legend of the old saint. A nobleman having three daughters was too poor to furnish a marriage portion for each, and was about to abandon them to the streets when St. Nicholas passed the house three evenings in succession and each time threw a bag of gold into the house so that each daughter having a dowry could get a husband. The pastor couldn't see any sense in discriminating among Christians by dubbing some of them saints, for all of them were saints, he seemed to say, and would be more inclined to go out and speak of our neighbors and friends as Saints than on Saint Day, as it was to speak of Saint John or Saint Paul. The true spirit of Christmas was being pushed out of its proper place by the way many people celebrate the same; card parties, drinking, carousing and sports of all kinds, being a very poor reminder of God's unspeakable gift to man.

In some places he mentioned it was given up entirely to a drinking toast a rhyme or jingle being "Christmas comes but once a year, if I get drunk you needn't care."

In Kentucky he said they celebrated on eggnog, but he supposed the people in Ocala will have to get along without that as eggs were too dear. He was glad to note that in the Baptist Sunday school the children were taught the blessing of giving as well as receiving, certainly a splendid way to teach children the beauties of unselfishness. Christ in our Christmas festivities should not be relegated to a back seat, but having him in mind and the peace on earth and good will to man which he besought, we should build up for better things, and ever remembering the needy poor should administer to them even as God did to us in his unspeakable gift.

Mr. C. Stevens of Berlin was in the city this morning, accompanied by his granddaughter, Miss Bessie Rawls and grandson, Mr. Ernest Rawls, of Jacksonville, who made his grandparents a short visit. Mr. Rawls will return to Jacksonville today to resume his duties with the Pullman Car Company.

State's Attorney E. W. Davis is back from Orlando, where he was engaged in prosecuting a Mr. Willmott for shooting a Mr. Sweet at Sanford. The trial took all of last week. The jury disagreed, eight were for acquittal and four for conviction of manslaughter. Judge Jones discharged the jury.

The county fair authorities desire to say that the prize for the best child's dress was won by Mrs. H. H. Dossell and if she will make application, she will receive the same. The check was sent to Mrs. H. H. Deubel and was returned.

Mr. Chas. H. Stuart, editor and manager of the Dunnellon Advocate, spent Sunday in this city with his brother, Mr. George Stuart. Mr. Stuart is getting along nicely in Dunnellon and likes the town and people very much.

Mr. R. H. Breese of Atlanta, inspector for the Southeastern Tariff Association, is in the city a guest of the Ocala House. Mr. Breese and Mr. D. W. Davis have just returned from a visit to Tiger Bay, where they made diagrams and fixed the rate on the immense phosphate plants there.

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TWO DROWNED IN LAKE WEIR

Mrs. Washburn went down to Belleview this morning to console with Mrs. Charles Brown on the death of her son, Melvin Brown, a youth of 17, who, with Rex Nichols and a negro were out in a boat on Lake Weir and somehow Brown and the negro fell overboard and were drowned.

Mr. R. L. Martin, who came up this noon from Lake Weir tells the following, as told him by Rex Nichols: It seems that Rex Nichols was packing oranges for Mr. J. G. Legge, at the Harrell packing house on the north side of the lake. He went over to Eastlake for Melvin Brown, who was packing oranges for Mr. Snow. The two left Eastlake in the boat sometime about 7 o'clock for the Harrell packing house. When they got near the packing house, in front of the T. J. Owen property, they ran against a wire fence and in getting clear of the same, Brown stood up in the boat with an ear in his hand. Nichols told him to sit down or he would tumble out. The boy replied that he had that experience five times before and was sure of himself, but he fell out just the same. Nichols thought he was in water shallow enough to wade in, but seeing Brown disappear, Nichols got out of the boat to assist him and found the water was beyond his depth. He then got into the boat and fired a gun he had twice, but no one came. He finally reached the packing house, where he slept. The next morning he told Mr. Harrell of the tragedy and went to Bellevue, where he spent Sunday with his parents, returning to the scene of the drowning this morning. The body was recovered this morning and Undertakers McIver & MacKay sent a coffin down on the afternoon train.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT

The list of jurors for the two weeks of court are as follows: Walter Parrish, J. C. DuPree, A. L. Perry, L. W. Jordan, S. J. McCully, J. B. Walkup, N. H. Boswell, J. P. Stevens, P. U. Milligan, C. T. Marshall, J. L. Pardee, E. L. Strange, S. R. Whaley, C. J. Chitty, J. H. Randall, T. W. Randall and Marcus Frank. The following jurors disposed of a civil case and then court adjourned until tomorrow morning, namely: J. C. DuPree, A. L. Perry, S. J. McCully, S. P. Stevens, P. U. Milligan and J. L. Pardee.

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WEATHER FORECAST

Washington, Dec. 20.—Rain this afternoon or tonight; colder tonight in north portion; Tuesday fair, colder in central and south portion with probably heavy frost Tuesday night to 27th parallel; Wednesday fair, cold moderate northwest winds.

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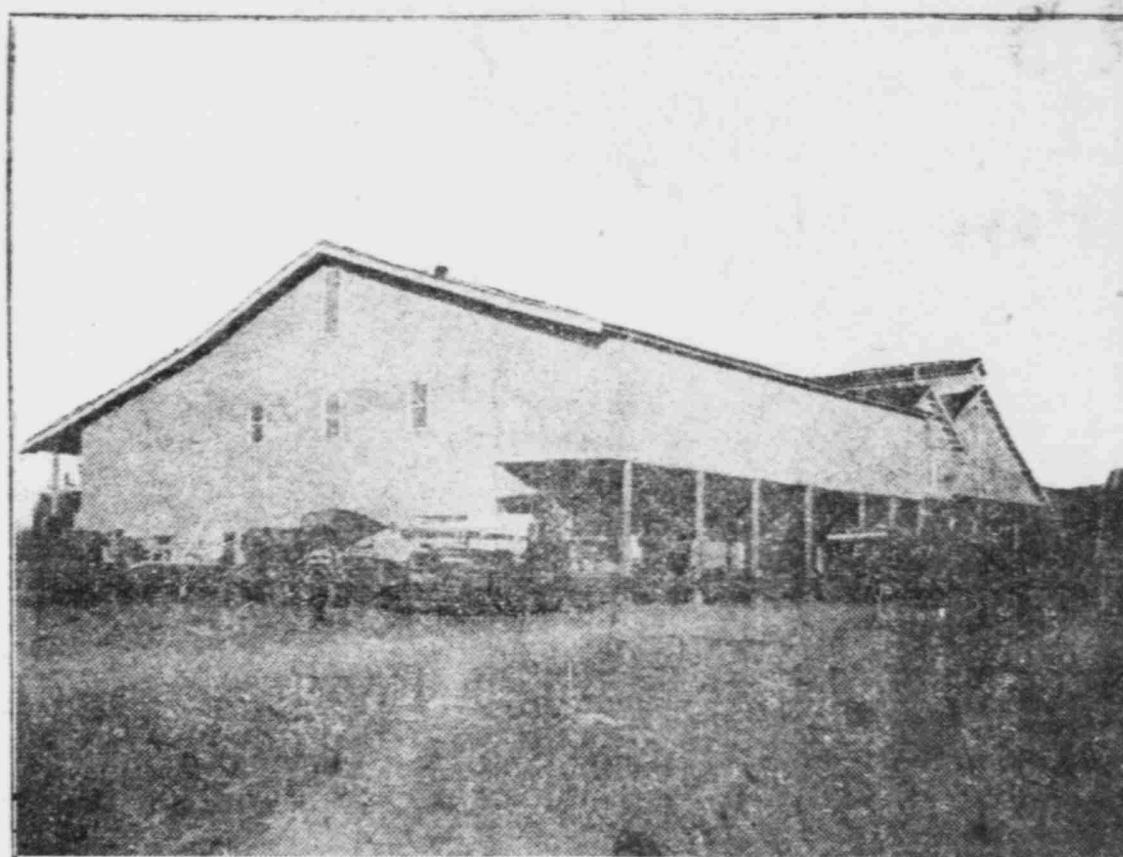
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RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

On learning of the death of Hon. Otis T. Green, which occurred at his home in Ocala on the 13th of December, the law class of 1911 of the University of Florida, of which his son, Edward B. Green is a member, adopted the following resolutions of respect:

Whereas, The Divine Ruler of the Universe has seen fit to summons from his earthly duties the Hon. Otis T. Green, of Ocala, Florida, the father of our esteemed classmate, Edward B. Green, and thereby cut off in the strength of his manhood an able lawyer, a public spirited citizen and a kind and loving husband and father; therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the members of the law class of 1911 of the University of Florida, do hereby extend our deepest and sincerest sympathy to our classmate and to his mother and brother in their great bereavement;

Resolved further, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to our esteemed classmate and that other copies be furnished for publication.

A. S. Crews,
C. O. Rivers,
R. M. Robbins,
G. E. Pile
Committee for the Class.

Mrs. E. H. Mote entertained very delightfully Saturday afternoon at the charming home of her sister, Mrs. L. W. Duval, on Oklawaha avenue in compliment to Miss Lillian Thagard, who will be wedded Wednesday noon at Grace Episcopal church to Mr. Cooper of Savannah. Mrs. Mote was assisted in the pleasant entertainment by her lovely sisters, Mrs. William Hocker and Mrs. Louis Duval. The guests were a dozen of Miss Thagard's particular girl friends and the matrons of honor at the wedding. A feature of this gathering was the presentation to the bride-to-be of a dozen handsome table napkins, which Mrs. Mote had arranged to be hemstitched, placing thread, needle and thimble with each napkin and the assembled ladies set to work and hemstitched them. Miss Thagard was also the recipient of quite a number of hand-made gifts from her friends. The work of love completed, delicious refreshments were served. The afternoon was an unusually pleasant one. The guests were Misses Lillian Thagard, Lucille Standley, Etta Hood, Freddie Foy, Annie Davis, Pauline Sullivan, Clara and Ophelia Gray, Fannie Robinson, Annie Atkinson, Edna Nelson, Alta Pearson, Bessie MacKay and Mesdames William Hocker, L. W. Duval, C. R. Rydings, O. G. Weston, C. H. Lloyd and Miss Byrd Waitmann.

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