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November Was Good— But Wait!

November in Pensacola was a won-

derful November.

The port did the greatest volume of

business that Pensacola has ever done in

any given month. Two new records,

both remarkable ones, for export busi-

ness were established. The total valua-

tion of shipments for the 30 days

reached \$4,175,352. The entire num-

ber of bales of cotton handled at Pen-

sacola wharves went to 42,899 in No-

vember.

The total valuation of November

shipments exceeded that of any other

month by a straight million—or even a

a little bit more. The cotton ship-

ments nearly doubled the figures of

any previous month.

This is indeed a wonderful showing

for Pensacola. Mobile, with her good

harbor, excellent railroad and river

facilities and a population of 58,000 as

against Pensacola's possible 35,000, did

not come within gunshot of Pensacola

in the matter of total value of ship-

ments. Mobile's exports for Novem-

ber were \$8,628,512, of which \$2,435,570

was cotton.

And the postoffice, too, broke all

records for Uncle Sam's postal busi-

ness in Pensacola. November, 1908, showed \$5,205. November, 1909 went up to \$7,419. Quite a difference!

Do you wonder that Pensacola busi-

ness men—and, for that matter, all

Pensacola people who take a proper

pride in the progress and prestige of

their city—have that sanguine feeling

that Pensacola, favored by the Al-

mighty with the best harbor south of

Hampton Roads and populated by a set

of people who are not satisfied until

they have utilized the last iota of their

city's tremendous natural advantages,

must eventually have 100,000 inhabi-

tants equally as prosperous as the

35,000, say, that dwell here today?

Do you wonder that the average Pen-

sacolian is wearing the smile that

won't come off?

And we can see no dimunition in

the business of this port; no reason

why there should not be plenty of

months ahead as full of business for

Pensacola as has been this tremen-

dously gratifying November. The har-

bor is here; the practical experience

of years in loading ships is here; the

Pensacola spirit, which has not been

an inconsiderable factor in the build-

ing up of Pensacola's expansive and

expanding shipping, must continue to

gather and hold business.

The best is yet to be realized.

Within five years, at the longest, the

Panama canal will be completed and

in actual operation. The Pacific and

South American trade that will pass

through the big ditch across the Isth-

mus will not be long in discovering

the superior advantages of Pensacola,

the nearest air line point to Panama.

With this will come a still greater

stimulus to the waterfront business of

the Deep Water City than any which

a Gulf port has previously experienced.

November was a grand old month

for Pensacola, but please keep well

within your anticipation's eye the ab-

solute certainty that we shall yet show

export records here that will tower

above the figures of this past month

as a battleship towers above a gun-

boat. In five years we shall see.

This "kidnapping" of John D.

Rockefeller may be a good advertise-

ment for the Standard Oil, after all.

The Georgia divorce mill has been

grinding over-time of late and the

marital torments of hundreds of

Peachtree couples have been paraded

in the newspapers until Georgia has

found herself in receipt of a great

deal of undesirable advertising.

We look to Judge Pendleton, of Savannah,

to curtail what the most dependable

newspapers in the state consider the

excessive tendency toward divorce in

Georgia. In all divorce cases where

alimony is claimed Judge Pendleton

makes it a point to award a nominal

sum, if any, and he not infrequently

lectures applicants for substantial

alimony in a manner that must have

an ultimate tendency to discourage,

at least so far as his court is concerned,

the disposition to ask for sizeable

sums when the marriage tie is dis-

solved by the state. It would be well

for numerous Easterns as well as

Western states, where the divorce-with-alimony nuisance has lately assumed portentous proportions, to keep their eyes on Judge Pendleton and Georgia.

Florida has had through November, the month that most Northern folks dread, an average daily temperature of about 60 degrees. If those figures sound good to people in some of the frigid states in the Northwest—and we mistrust them may—let them come down and try a liberal sample of this glorious Florida weather on the spot. There's enough of it for everybody and climate, at least, is completely free to everyone disposed to come and help himself. Run down and be convinced; the land, like the water, is fine, says the coatless Floridian to his mitten and overcoated Arctic brother.

DeLand is going to entertain the state's teachers handsomely. Over \$1,000, it is announced, will be laid out on the preparations, including some very elaborate decorations that are to make the little city a veritable bower of red, white and blue. To the expenses of the educational institute the Volusia county board of education has contributed \$100, and the DeLand city council has just voted \$300. Ample hotel accommodations are being arranged and the chairman of the entertainment committee is now in a position to say that 1,000 strangers can be comfortably housed and sufficiently fed. Able speakers shortly to be announced will supply the mental food and DeLand hospitality will make the visiting teachers and others rejoice that they at last accepted the invitation which had three or four times previously been extended them.

Joseph M. Brown, who was a practical farmer before he got to be a lawyer or a railroad man or finally a governor, at once perceived the advantages that would accrue to the farmers of eastern Georgia by the establishment of the model farm in Chatham county which was urged by the chamber of commerce in Savannah. The governor lost no time in getting Director Calvin, who conducts the state farm at Experiment, Ga., and the long-distance phone and instructing him to get in touch with the Savannah trade body and likewise with the Chatham county farmers who want the farm started without delay. The chamber of commerce knew where they could get the land and Mr. Calvin knew where he could get a well equipped man to run the farm and instruct the farmers of the adjacent counties, in modern methods of agriculture. Every prominent farmer of Chatham, it is said, is heart and soul for Chatham's model farm. They do things over in Georgia. The farmers of the eastern counties will be enjoying the advantages of twentieth century instruction before many weeks are over.

VOX POPULI.

PARENTAL INDIFFERENCE FILLS JAILS WITH CRIMINALS

Editor Pensacola Journal.

The question is often asked: "From whence comes the eternal stream of licentious men and youths who fill our jails and penitentiaries?" "And what the predisposing cause?"

That those recruits come from all races, walks, occupations and conditions of life cannot be denied. And that the rural districts furnish the smallest percentage of criminals also goes without saying. And the reason for this is not far to seek. Being but thinly populated, and the absence of those dens of vice with which the cities and smaller towns are cursed being the principal safeguards and deterrent force. Again, the man or boy who works upon the farm usually finds but little time at his disposal to seek out dissolute comrades or licentious resorts. For this reason, he is often hindered from gratifying his evil inclination through "prone to do evil, as the sparks are to fly upward."

Just what a parent's feelings may be under such an accusation, I must leave you to imagine. But are they not reaping that which they have sown? Yea, verily: they have sown the wind; they can reap the whirlwind.

Now, when the fact is noted that many of those young men are often handicapped at the start by vicious and immoral parents, by fathers who are not ashamed to be seen drunken in the presence of their families, by fathers whose only knowledge of God is a name to curse by, by fathers whose only precept is, "Don't get caught!" is it to be marveled at that their sons early imbibe the lessons taught them by precept and example of the very ones whose whole duty it is to inculcate right standards of moral rectitude? As the twig is bent, so is the tree inclined. Solomon, the wise, said: "Bring up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." Let the parents of the present and succeeding generations give earnest heed to obey this one precept of Solomon's; then the reproach of the stranger will not be heard "that we spend more on our jails than upon our schools." Then the jails and penitentiaries will soon rot down from disuse.

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BEULAH.

Special to The Journal.

Beulah, Dec. 1.—Fine weather here for all purposes. It seems more like a spring day than the first of December. Syrup making is pretty nearly finished for this season here. The yield has been good and the quality excellent. Andy Busbee has finished his house and moved in. All the work, which has quite a large amount of fine cane to make up.

A. C. Snowdon has moved into the house vacated by Tom Garrett, who moved to Pensacola, where he has secured work.

A. J. Bushy was in the city last Saturday with a load of syrup, for which he found ready sale.

Arthur Spare is nursing a sore foot, caused by a horse stepping on it.

Tom Hanna moved into his new house last Saturday. It is not finished yet, but he can occupy it.



TOPICS OF INTEREST TO FARMERS OF FLORIDA

TURKEYS AND APPENDICITIS HAVE FORMED ALLIANCE.

The scientists of Harvard have discovered that turkeys are dying in large numbers of appendicitis, remarks a writer in the Louisville Courier-Journal. In New England, once noted for its production of turkeys, the birds have become scarce because of the incrads of the disease. It has spread as far south as Virginia and has invaded Michigan.

Those persons who have been wondering why the Thanksgiving turkey gets higher every year may find the reason in the reports of decimation made by the Harvard scientists. The turkey is threatened with extinction by reason of the ravages of appendicitis. Unless science comes to the rescue, the "national bird" will have to be replaced by decoys, holiday tables and some substitute will have to be found. There have been no reports of the Kentucky turkey suffering from appendicitis, or from anything else barring adiposity and over-confidence.

If the disease has reached Virginia, however, it will invade Kentucky in course of time and may put an end to a flourishing industry. Whenever, in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for a farmer to employ a surgeon to look after the welfare of a flock of turkeys, the business of turkey-growing will take a slump.

The turkey-purchasing public is critical and fastidious. It would never stand kindly to a gobbler that had undergone an operation for appendicitis. It demands turkeys that are without spot or blemish and considers itself entitled to them because of the constant trend toward higher prices. It wants turkeys that are healthy and happy up to the hour of execution.

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