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PENSACOLA, FLORIDA, FRIDAY MORNING, MAY 31, 1907.

Representative Reese of Escambia.

The following is from the DeFuniak Breeze, whose editor is one of the most progressive spirits in the state:

No man ever started out in the Florida legislature with brighter prospects for making a name for himself than did R. Pope Reese of Escambia county, and no man more certainly fell from his high estate than did that same R. P. Reese. He reached the climax when in a speech on the immigration bill he characterized the Pensacola Chamber of Commerce, to which the Gulf City owes so much, as a congregration of land grabbers. No bill for the interest of the state at large, which we can remember now, has had his earnest support, and it is equally true that almost every measure tending to the material advancement of the state has been opposed by him.

We think the Breeze's criticism, while deserved in part, is not altogether just to Mr. Reese.

It is true that his position on the subject of immigration was a matter of keen disappointment to his constituents and had it been known in advance he could hardly have been elected to represent Escambia county. It is also true that his opposition to a state fair was entirely out of keeping with progressive sentiment everywhere, although that subject does not appeal so directly to his constituents as does the matter of immigration.

But when the Breeze charges Mr. Reese with failure to support any bill of interest to the state at large, the charge is hardly a just one. Mr. Reese supported the franchise tax bill, the governor's drainage bill, the primary publicity bill, the anti-pass bill, and he voted to preserve the present primary law and against the effort to emasculate its effectiveness. Moreover, if he were voting to please the Breeze, his support of the prohibition amendment which our contemporary has so long advocated ought to have satisfied it on one point at least.

Representative Reese's opposition to the immigration bill was, in The Journal's opinion, the most serious mistake that he made—and it was a very serious one—but the fact that he erred in that should not call for a general condemnation for his whole course.

Give Drainage Theory a Fair Test.

Since the report of the legislative drainage committee and the passage by the legislature of an effective drainage measure, The Journal is glad to note a more tolerant and reasonable spirit in evidence among many of those who have heretofore opposed the drainage experiment. The Miami Metropolis, which has been an opponent, although always a very fair one, of the scheme, now takes its position as follows:

Since the work has been carried this far it might be just as well, since there is a difference of opinion, to continue the drainage to a point where it can be definitely determined whether it is possible to ever drain this great waste of inundated territory.

This now is a logical, reasonable, common sense way of looking at the subject. The Live Oak Democrat is not yet reconciled to the governor's victory in carrying his issue through, but it submits and throws up its hands as follows:

If money is to be squandered upon this scheme, and the tax payers of the state approve of it, might just as well dig away at the ditch until the last dollar is gone.

The Bartow Courier-Informant, one of the original supporters of Governor Broward's drainage theory, is now enthusiastic over the status of the case and says:

The present status of drainage matters completely proves the correctness of the position taken by the C.-I. when the subject first began to be agitated. We then advocated the cutting of at least one canal, the effects of which, as to the practicability and value of the drainage of the everglades, would prove more than all the theorizing in the world and as the only thing that would settle the matter at once and finally.

Later, when the first dredge began operations July 4th, 1906, we predicted that by the time the legislature met, the work would be so far advanced as to vindicate itself, and that the state would never abandon a work which promised such splendid results and which had been so auspiciously begun by the governor and the trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

It is safe to say that drainage will henceforth be a fixed policy of the state government, which, together with a wise system of road improvement and the fostering of our educational institutions, will in good time bring us all the people and all the prosperity we want.

The Journal has never been satisfied as to the real value of Everglades drainage, but it long since did become satisfied that the theory was worth testing and that, whether drainage proved valuable or not, one main canal cut across the state of Florida would be worth more as a highway for commerce than its entire cost to the state.

The whole matter, we are glad to see, is now in good shape to receive a fair test and we trust that the work will now be vigorously prosecuted until either the failure or the success of the scheme is definitely demonstrated.

More Commissioners Are in Trouble.

And now it is the Hillsboro board of county commissioners that is in trouble. The grand jury's presentment just made public there alleges that during the past four years the county commissioners have overdrawn their allowances to the amount of $3,318.62 and they are called upon to pay this sum back into the county treasury.

In commenting on the presentment and the allegations therein, Judge Wall said:

"The Board of County Commissioners handle practically every cent of the county's money, and members should be selected, not only for their integrity, but for their business sense and experience. A sum should be paid the commissioners for their work that would allow of the best possible class of men occupying the position."

Judge Wall is eminently correct, but he might also with equal logic have advocated a provision requiring all county commissioners to furnish bonds sufficient to protect the county whose finances they control.

A good and sufficient bond would serve both as a protection to the county and as a deterrent on the county commissioner when he was tempted to go too far in the expenditure of public funds.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. J. H. Lowry.

Mrs. J. H. Lowry, formerly of Red Level, Ala., but of late a resident of this city, died of measles at her home at the corner of Reus and LaRua streets yesterday morning. She was taken ill Sunday morning, and her condition became very serious the following day. She is survived by thirteen children, seven girls and six boys, ranging in age from 18 months to 28 years. Five of the sons and five daughters are residing in the city, and four of them are very ill of measles.

The funeral services were conducted yesterday afternoon by Rev. Mr. Callaway of the First Baptist church, and last night the remains were shipped to Red Level, Ala., where they will be placed at rest in the family burial ground.

Mrs. Eva Brown Jones.

Mrs. Eva Brown Jones, wife of Albert B. Jones, died Wednesday night at the Cottage Hotel after a lingering illness of consumption. The deceased had reached the age of 31 years and is survived by a husband, three children and two sisters, the latter being Mrs. Ida White, of Atlanta, Ga., and Mrs. Dr. Enbay, of Villiarica, Ga. The remains were shipped last night to Carrolton, Ga., where the interment will be made in Sand Hill cemetery.

Many a chicken lives to regret that it hadn't been hard boiled before it was born.

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NEWS AND VIEWS By the State Press

Apalachicola Gets the Start.

The first train over the Apalachicola Northern railroad arrived at Apalachicola a few days ago and was met by thousands of the citizens. The train was welcomed by the blare of trumpets, roar of cannon, tooting of whistles and sirens and the yells and cheers of the people. Thus, for the first time, Apalachicola is connected with the world by rail; and again the cotton, timber, grain and tobacco will seek foreign countries through Apalachicola and her fine harbor, and the ten or twenty ships which are now constantly loading with exports will be increased to the hundreds. These ships returning will bring the fruits and hard woods of Cuba and South America.—St. Andrews Buoy.

Oats in Florida.

Walter Harvey has demonstrated that good oats may be raised here as elsewhere. He planted three acres and cut them last week finding both yield and quality entirely satisfactory. —Chipley Veridct.

Honey Industry.

On the lower Chattahoochee river where the Georgia stream cuts its way through western Florida to the Gulf of Mexico, the honey industry has been greatly damaged, in fact paralyzed, for the present season, by the effects of the cold weather in April. There are a good many apiaries in that section, especially around Wewahitchka. The bees gather their honey from the blossoms of the tupelo trees, but this year these and other blossoms were blighted so severely by the cold weather in April that the bees found it difficult to manufacture more than a limited quantity of sweetness. As a result the proprietors of the apiaries are feeding them on cheap sugar and glucose.—St. Augustine Record.

Roud Lake Attranctng Settlers.

Thos. W. Jordan came in from Round Lake Tuesday for a two days visit. He tells us that section is rapidly improving, that the new rail road will reach the town in another week or so, and that it is destined to become one of the prettiest resort towns in the state. The lake, a mile in circumference, is situated in the heart of the town, is filled with clear magnesia water on a white sandy bottom, situated in a basin some 40 feet above other lakes in the neighborhood. The ground surrounding it is high, rolling and picturesque—the town site as pretty as a picture. Much building is now going on.—Chipley Verdict.

DeLand's Shell Road.

The shell road now going down between DeLand and Daytona is talked of all over the state. The Volusia commissioners have never undertook a greater or grander enterprise for the public good than letting the contract for the construction of this hard surface road. It will be pointed to by all the counties of the state as a monument to live and progressive board of county commissioners. It will be a big advertisement for Volusia county. It is the connecting link of a hard surface public thoroughfare from Kissimmee to the Atlantic beach at Daytona, a distance of nearly one hundred miles. Then a party can eat breakfast at Kissimmee or Orlando, get into his automobile and be at Daytona or on the beach for dinner. —DeLand Record.

Short Spirits Crop.

The best of indications point to a twenty per cent shortage in the spirits of turpentine crop this year. This shortage has been caused by several things, among them the heavy wood fires during the long drouth and by the unusually cold winter. The Record knows of several operators whose individual shortage will amount to fifty per cent, others twenty-five per cent. And yet, in the face of all of this, Savannah exporters, it is said, are for the present and for the furtherance of their own selfish motives, trying to create the impression that the crop will be a large one. When will such methods cease?—Jacksonville Industrial Record.

Big Land Deals.

It really and truly looks like every big land deal made in this state, some of the good business men of Live Oak have a "finger in the pie." Last week the Democrat contained the account of the purchase of a $50,000 property in South Florida by Live Oak men, and today we publish an account of the sale of 12,000 acres of land in South Florida, sold by Captain Hillman, of this city, to the Bradley Fertilizer Company, the consideration being $600,000.—Live Oak Democrat.

Caloosahatchee River.

At last the Caloosahatchee river is receiving some attention from the government. The Menge Bros. have just received a contract from the engineer's department to remove snags from the upper Caloosahatchee and the Orange rivers, and also to remove some of the rock points on the upper river with dynamite. The contract will cover a period of several months, and the Menge Bros. will rig up the steamer Suwanee, for this purpose, as the government has no snag boat at hand to do the work. None are more familiar with the needs of the Caloosahatchee waterway than the Menge Bros., as they have steamboated it on this river for over twenty years, and this contract will enable them to make a vast improvement in the conditions of the river, for they will know just where the work of improvement can be most effectively accomplished. This work will not only improve the river for navigation, but will assist materially to prevent overflows, for the cutting off some of the sharp points will permit the water to run off to the gulf much quicker than is now the case.—Fort Myers Press.

The Good Roads Defeat.

After all the talk about the matter and the undoubted demand by the people of the state for some good roads measure, the legislature refused to take any favorable action on the matter, probably because none of the measures suggested did not meet with the approval of the members. If the expected extra session is held something in that line may result, but it is doubtful.—DeFuniak Breeze.

POLITICS AND POLITICIANS

The Two Jennings.

The writer has been asked a number of times if ex-Governor Jennings and T. A. Jennings were not one and the same man. On other occasions we have been asked if they were not related.

No.—

They are not a particle of kin. Furthermore, they do not look nor act alike. The difference between the two men is too great to be mentioned in detail. But some of their differences might be mentioned that will explain to the readers' mind who the two men are.

Ex-Governor Jennings was born in Illinois. He is a first cousin of W. J. Bryan, and to this relationship is largely due his election as governor of Florida. His full name is William Sherman Jennings. He was elected governor by a political convention, and could never have been elected under the primary system. It is claimed that he came to Florida selling Hamlin's Wizzard Oil from the rear of a wagon. There are a lot of people in Florida who don't like the man, nor his surname, nor his middle name—Sherman.

The other Jennings—who is spoken of as a candidate for governor—was born in Hamilton county, Florida. We don't know who he is first cousin to, but he is the son of a Confederate veteran and a southern gentleman. His full name is Thomas Albert Jennings. If he is elected governor, it will be by the primary system, and we think that he possesses enough dignity to refrain from engaging in a fist fight with a university president.

The first mentioned Jennings is not popular, by any means. The last mention Jennings—Thomas Albert—is very popular with every citizen with whom he is acquaited.

The only objections some people find with the last mentioned Jennings —Thomas Albert—is that his surname is the same as the former governor's. People are apt to get the two people confused by their names. After you become acquainted with both parties there will never be any reason for confusion of their names.

Jennings in Live Oak.

Hon. Albert Jennings, a prominent citizen of Pensacola, and a possible candidate for governor, is in the city today, and is being heartily greeted by his old friends. Mr. Jennings at one time resided in our neighboring county, Hamilton, and is personally acquainted with all the old-time citizens throughout this section of the state, and it is needless to say that they are urging him to make the race for governor, and assuring him of their support. The man who attempts to make figures on the next race for governor must not fail to give Jennings a good vote from this section.—Live Oak Democrat.

A Good Law.

There is now pending in the Florida legislature a measure that if enacted into law, will compel every candidate who participates in future primaries held in the state to make a strict accounting of every cent spent by himself or his friends to secure his nomination to the office he seeks. Several states have a similar law and no complaint comes that it is objectionable. —Apalachicola Times.

Noted With Pleasur.e

It is with genuine pleasure we note that the legislature has at last passed a bill fixing the maximum charge of twenty-five cents for the transporting of any package weighing five pounds or less by the express companies within this state. The corporationists made a hard fight, and for this reason the victory of the people is all the greater.—Palatka Times-Herald.

Peter Will Be There.

The anti-lobbying bill has run the gauntlet of the house. But Mr. Peter O. Knight will doubtless "bob up serenely" at the next legislative session.—Palatka Times-Herald.

Governor of Right Stuff.

The report of the legislative committee is proof of the wisdom and farsightedness of Governor Broward; and the governor's firm determination to build dredges and have this work done, in the face of corporation antagonism, villification and falsehood, is proof that there is in the governor the stuff of which our public servants should be made.—Jacksonville Central Union Times.

A Florida Vardaman.

The Democrat is very well satisfied with the present Constitution of the United States, and we doubt very much if the Florida legislature can improve upon it very much by adopting Senator Beard's joint resolution. A pretty wise thing to do is to leave well enough alone along these lines just at the present.—Like Oak Democrat.

Yes. And our Florida Vardaman has already made his platform for the race for the U. S. senate. He just made the mistake of time and place. He read it in the state senate, but should have waited till he got on the stump. The eyes of the nation will now be turned to Florida and to Mississippi. The affair between John Sharpe Williams and the aggressive governor will be tame compared to Florida's scrap. The house can now attend to other matters.—DeSoto County News.

Gilchrist's Platform.

Some of the state papers want General Gilchrist to name the platform he is to stand on in his race for governor, and the Punta Gorda Herald says he has one. It must be a whopper. With one foot at Punta Gorda and the other at Waycross, that platform must be equal in length to Governor Broward's messages to the legislature.—White Springs Herald.

Will Do The Picking.

It is now stated that Hon. S. M. Sparkman is in the race with Mallory, Beard, Adams and others for the United States senate. Don't be bashful, gentlemen; all hop in and after we see all of you line up we'll pick the winner, or at least the one we would like to see win.—Wauchula Telegram.

A Reminder.

Key Westers wish Hon. Jeff. B. Browne to enter the gubernatorial fight. The Key Westers are reminded that it is not always what you want but what you get that does you the most good.—Apalachicola Times.

Both are Popular.

State's Attorney Kehoe, of West Florida, has announced as a candidate for congress, against Congressman Lamar. Both seem to be quite popular gentlemen.—Lakeland Sun.

Pointer for Senator Mallory.

Senator Mallory has promised Key West a visit for a long time. If he would come here while the surveyors are at work in the harbor he could gte ample data to aid him in securing an appropriation for us. Besides, the senator's fences in this neck of the woods need attention.—Key West Citizen.

Franchise Tax Defeated.

While the franchise bill has been defeated by the state senate, the editor of the Sun still stands as firm and positively in favor of the franchise law as before the defeat of the bill. No argument or opposition offered against it has had any tendency to weaken the position of those favoring the system. Even the most able, the most learned who oppose the taxing of franchises have not yet explained why the taxing system should not apply to railroads and all in the same manner. No one has yet explained why there should be any favoritism in favor of the public utility corporations, as against the ordinary tax payer. Certainly it is only justice to have the laws apply uniformly to all property. No one can deny this argument.—Lakeland Sun.

Despite the Politicians.

The resolution favoring the direct election of the United States senators did not meet with favor in the upper hope. But the time will come when the people will elect senators the same as all the other officials.—Palatka Times-Herald.

Joakley—Now, there's a fellow who doesn't do anything but pick up pins all the time.

Coaley—Well, well, that's a queer superstition.

Joakley—Oh, no; it's not a superstition, but an occupation. He's employed in a bowling alley.—Philadelphia Press.

Where Charlotte Corday Stopped.

A good deal of old Paris is disappearing just now, and among the latest bits of the antique city to be threatened is the little spit upon which Charlotte Corday found a fleeting place of rest as she entered the city on her errand of death. It stands on the street which prior to the days of the revolution had been known as that of the Vieux Argustins. It now is the Rue d'Argout. The building is the Hotel de la Providence. Charlotte arrived in Paris from Caen on July 9, 1793, slept at the hotel on that and the following night, and on the morning of the 11th walked quietly out of it to slay the monster Murat. The bedroom is still pointed out which the Norman heroine occupied, and some regret is felt that the place is to be demolished. But the march of progress is merciless. The buildings are needed to extend the Rue du Louvre, and soon human feet will tramp on the spot where the Norman heroine slept her last calm sleep of maiden freedom.

WOMAN SHOT AND KILLED

Accidental Death of Woman at Cerro Gordo Wednesday Night.

Special to The Journal.

Bonifay, May 30.—G. Harris residing at Cierro Gordo, in this county, arrived here this morning and told of the accidental killing of a woman near his home last night. From his account some party returning to his home late at night decided to frighten the residents by firing a shot gun. He fired two shots and then reloaded the gun, intending firing again, but before he had placed it to his shoulder the gun was discharged, the contents entering the body of a woman, causing instant death. Coroner Hathaway and Sheriff Hickman will go to Cierro Gordo this morning to conduct an investigation.

The large brick store of the D. Hughes Mercantile Co. is nearly ready for the goods to be put into it, and it presents a nice appearance.

W. T. Bludworth went to Vernon Monday to attend circuit court.

Hon. J. A. J. Hathaway and Hon. W. H. Brett, Jr., went to Vernon Monday.

Arthur Miller has sold his residence to Ed Creel and is building a dwelling in the southern part of town.

The Bonifay high school is to close Friday.

Miss Anna Bell De Vane and her little sister are visiting their sister, Mrs. Thomas, below Vernon.

The machinery for completing an artesion well for A. Sessoms has arrived here.

DeFUNIAK

Special to The Journal.

DeFuniak, May 30.—School closed here last Friday evening with four orations from high school graduates, Misses Tappan, Warren, Miller and Storrs. The orations were very creditable and much enjoyed by the large audience. Each orator received many flowers. The male quartette, composed of Messrs. Beach, Rogers, Watson and Rudolph Rogers rendered two fine selections and the school glee club also gave some fine music. On Thursday evening the school exercises were presented by the whole school. The drill work by the grades in costume was very enjoyable. There was a contest in declamation for a prize, which was awarded to Miss Gillis, though the judges stated they felt that each of the six contestants should have a prize. There were seventeen essay contestants for the Storrs prize given for the best essay on "How to Make DeFuniak Grow." Miss Miller was declared the winner.

Prof. Rogers goes to Chicago for the summer to do work in the Chicago University, preparatory to better school work for next year.

Mrs. Cass has gone to New Orleans for surgical treatment.

Dr. Thomas is critcally ill. It is thought today that he is a little improved.

Mr. Rasinger's horse ran away Sunday and threw all parties out of the vehicle severaly injuring Mrs. Risinger. Her collar bone was broken and her neck and face and ear severely bruised. She is said to be slowly improving. Mrs. Storrs was more fortunate receiving only a bruise on the forehead and Mr. Risinger, who was driving, had simply a good shaking up.

Capt. Stubbs has gone to Jamestown to attend the Confederate reunion. The captain has missed but one reunion since the organization.

Hon. Wallace Bruce and wife and son, Kenneth, left Sunday night for Brooklyn, N. Y. They go by the ocean route. Mr. Bruce is much improved in health. Malcomb Bruce is still in DeFuniak and will be for a couple of weeks.

In the case of a photographer success depends on his ability to take things as they come.

M... Who Fell in the Union Cause

(Continued from First Page.)

ration, ... integrity of our institutions will be ... endangered.

"In d... honor to the memory of the men ... died in defense of their principles ... civil war," concluded the spea... we honor ourselves and act in t... interests of our people, becaus... as self-sacrifice and devotio... nciple to the extent of dying fo... honored, so long will the spirit... otism and the genius of civil ... have an abiding place in the...

OTHER CEREMO...

At the conclusion of S... Mallory's address, the quartet... ng, "We Are Tenting To-Night on th... Old Camp Ground."

Rev. E. Abbott was then introduced to the assemblage by Captain Pettersen, and delivered a most eloquent and appropriate address. His effort was an especially fine one, and during the course of his short address he was listened to attentively by the assemblage.

Mr. J. M. Fairchild read a very appropriate poem, "To the Men of 1860-65," composed by himself, and after Captain Pettersen, commander of Post No. 21, G. A. R., had made a few remarks, Rev. Mr. Abbott pronounced the benediction, and memorial day of 1907 came to a close.

The quartette composed of Miss White, Miss Cawthon, Mr. Garfield and Mr. Walker rendered several patriotic songs in a most excellent manner.

Balls and Strikes.

"Four Balls in One Evening," reads a headline in a San Francisco paper, How can that be, when the town already has three strikes.—Cleveland Leader.

Tantalizing Man.

"I see by the paper," said Mrs. Blinks at the breakfast table, "that a delegation of women suffragettes is coming to this country.

Mr. Blinks said nothing.

"And they're going to invade Washington and make a speech to the president, and all."

Blinks still silent.

"I declare," snapped the lady. "You're the most tantalizing man in existence. There you sit like a statue, never saying a word to show that you don't know what you're talking about."

City Democratic Ticket.

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