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U. S. SENATORS HOME

They Talk of Recent Extra Session and Tariff Bill.

DISAPPOINTED WITH RESULT

They Say Country Will Contine to Prosper But Prices of Necessities Will Be Higher.

Jacksonville, Fla.—Senator James P. Taliaferro and Senator Duncan U. Fletcher, Florida's splendid representatives in the United States senate, are both at home again, after the long and strenuous extra session of congress, and both expressed themselves as being very much pleased to be here. For more than five months they have worked hard and faithfully in the interest of their party and their state, and while each one, naturally, is disappointed in the result of the long session, into which they entered with every expectation of assisting in a tariff revision that would mean something to the people, they are conscious that nothing was left undone on their part that could contribute to the "downward" movement in the schedules where the American people were affected.

Senator Taliaferro talked interestingly of the extra session and its work. Although, as suggested, he was not pleased with the results of the session, "still," he said, "the country is in such a state of prosperity I believe that nothing can check its course, and the new tariff bill will not be the calamity that some seem inclined to believe."

Optimistic and always wishing to look on the bright side of things, the senior senator did not foresee any great hardships to come to the tariff. There had been some reductions, he said, and some things had been advanced. It had been a long and hard session and sometimes he had wished very strongly that he could come home, for there had been some very warm and uncomfortable days in Washington. Now that it was over he believed that business would resume its steady and progressive way and the prosperity of the country continue—not on account of the tariff revision, but in spite of it.

Of the special session Senator Fletcher said that it had proved several things that had only been "charged" before. One of the most important was the tacit admission on all sides that the tariff is a tax, and one that must be paid by the consumer The old claim that the tariff was paid by the exporter had been exploded, and the secret was out—that the people who buy the goods pay the tax, for the benefit of the manufacturer.

While the extra session was for the supposed purpose of a revision of the tariff "downward" the net results show an increase of 2 42-100 per cent taking the bill as a whole.

Senator Fletcher was asked about the duty on pineapples, and said that the duty was left as fixed by the house, which was a slight advance over the Dingley bill.

'Twas a Glorious Victory.

There's rejoicing in Fedora, Tenn. A man's life has been saved, and now Dr. King's New Discovery is the talk of the town for curing C. V. Pepper of deadly lung hemorrhages. "I could not work nor get about," he writes, "and the doctors did me no good, but, after using Dr. King's New Discovery three weeks, I feel like a new man, and can do good work again." For weak, sore or diseased lungs, coughs, and colds, hemorrhages, hay fever, lagrippe, asthma or any bronchial affection it stands unrivaled. Price 50c and $1.00. Trial bottle free. Sold and guaranteed by S. W. Rowley. tf

COAST LINE CANAL PROGRESSING.

Cut Into the St. Johns River Will Soon Be Completed.

St. Augustine, Fla.—Reports from those who have recently made an inspection of the work of cutting the last stretch of the East Coast canal between this city and Jacksonville state that the cutting is progressing very rapidly and unless unforseen obstacles are encountered the work should be completed and the canal opened to Jacksonville before the close of the present year.

The Florida Coast Line and Transportation company has certainly accomplished wonderful work in the completion of this beautiful inland waterway stretching the entire length of the Florida East Coast, and the last stretch between this city and the St. Johns river will be even faster accomplished than other sections.

This canal when completed within the next six months will be the culmination of an expensive undertaking which it has consumed more than twenty years in accomplishing, and it will be one of the most beautiful and wonderful stretches of inland waterway along the whole Atlantic seaboard. For winter cruising it cannot be equaled anywhere on earth and for protection to craft from the dangers of storm on the outside course it will prove invaluable in future years.

lie in the low, marshy bottoms of the Potomac, the breeding ground of malaria germs. These germs cause chills, fever and ague, biliousness, jaundice, lasitude, weakness and general debility and bring suffering or death to thousands yearly. But Electric Bitters never fail to destroy them and cure malaria troubles. "They are the best all-round tonic and cure for malaria I ever used," writes R. M. James of Louellen, S. C. They cure stomach, liver, kidney and blood troubles and will prevent typhoid. Try them, 50c. Guaranteed by S. W. Rowley. tf

EXCELLENT FOWL FUOD.

Examination Shows Water Hyacinths To Be Alive With Shrimp.

Walaka, Fla.—It is found upon close examination that the long black rootlets of the water hyacinth is alive with various sized shrimp from the tiny one just from the egg to the full grown one in there in hiding.

Fowls at once eat the leaves and only after grain, like oats or wheat, has been scattered on the roots do they begin to find and scratch out the young shrimp. From then on they seem more fond of catching them than eating the grain thrown out. The hyacinths are earily gathered by all near the St. Johns and Ocklawaha rivers and that grain is so very high and the food they provide so complete that no doubt Uncle Sam will provide shelter for numerous beds of them along the rivers that they may not become extinct by extreme cold in winter.

Tampa's city council requires that the city employes shall pay their bills promptly.

NEW RAILROAD ASSURED.

Franchise Asked From the Pensacola City Council.

Pensacola, Fla.—With half a million dollars either in hand, or pledged, President W. K. Hyer, of the First National bank of this city, informed the city council that nothing now stands in the way of constructing a railroad line to Andalusia, Ala., but an acceptable franchise, and he asked on behalf of associates and himself, that favorable consideration be given the franchise as proposed.

CASTORIA
For Infants and Children.
The Kind You Have Always Bought
Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher.

SEA WALL TO BE BUILT.

War Department Will Start Construction at Fort McRee.

Pensacola, Fla.—A great seawall will be shortly constructed by the war department around Fort McRee, the fort which guards the outer approach to Pensacola harbor.

The big seawall protecting Fort Pickens, the Santa Rosa Island fortification, is now nearing completion, and the probabilitiees are that the second big undertaking will be started before the current year is at an end.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, Lucas County, ss.

Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that canont be cured by the use of Hall's Catarrh Cure.

FRANK J. CHENEY.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1886.

A. W. GLEASON,
(Seal.) Notary Public.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonials free.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.
Sold by all Druggists, 75c.
Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation. tf

FLORIDA NEWS NOTES.

It has been definitely established that a medium-sized hog can be produced for the market in Florida at about half the actual cost required in the great hog belt of the west. That means double the profit to be obtained in Illinois, Iowa, and other meat states.

A Tampa tobacco man, recently returned from a business trip to Cuba, says he was told that some of the leading cigar manufacturers of Havana are considering the advisability of removing their factories to Tampa.

Within a few weeks Madison county's third consecutive tobacco crop will have been cured and in the packing houses. The crop this year, as usual, has been a very good one both as to quality and the yield.

As soon as arrangements can be perfected the authorities will begin the installing of a sewerage system for the town of Madison and also an extension of the water mains.

So many pupils of the Florida State College for Women desire to learn cooking and sewing that it has become necessary to put in an additional teacher.

While making an excavation for gas mains in the northwestern part of Pensacola workers unearthed the skeleton of a very large man, and in the same place the affrighted force lifted to the surface remains of an old-fashioned flint-rock gun, two lozen lead balls, pieces of flint rock, a powed horn, half full of black powder and many other articles, including the head of an axe. The gun was rusted and not a part of the stock remained, it having been rotted away. The bones were extra large, the fomur being longer than one in a man six feet in height. The discovery led people to surmise much upon the probable length of time the skeleton had been there and the opinion is advanced that it was for more than one hundred years, considering the type of gun and axe recovered. A tuft of hair was of an auburn shade, leading to the belief that the unfortunate was a white man. It is believed he was wounded and crawled near to the hill side to die, which he did. The body being undiscovered, it was gradually covered by the sand washed from the hill, remaining unseen until the spade of a workman distrubed it and brought it to daylight.

Tampa has set the city prisoners to cutting the crop of weeds that grow luxuriantly on the streets and other public places.

Florida will feed President Taft on gopher soup providing the executive accepts an invitation to visit the state capital in response to an invitation sent by the Tallahassee chamber of commerce. The invitation was sent the president some days ago. but no acknowledgement has been received as yet.

All arrangements have been made by the United States engineering department for a complete survey to be made of the St. Augustine harbor and also of the entire stretch of the East Coast canal, which may have important bearings on St. Augustine harbor and the great inland waterway extending almost the entire East Coast of the state.

Announcement is made that the work on the steel superstructure across Knights Key channel will begin about the middle of next month.

To those people who refuse to be convinced that a Florida summer is more agreeable and less harmful than the same season in higher latitudes, it is commended that they consider the somewhat unusual fact that the summer is the season of leisure, when when those who are inclined or those who for reasons of health are constrained to avoid the summer heat can lie up and take their ease.

Florida has recently contributed a citrus expert to Arizona, which is ambitious to engage in the culture of the orange. and to Porto Rico.

Reports from Manatee county are that citrus fruits are much further advanced than ever before at this time of the year and that indications are that the fruit will run principally to desirable sizes, this year. Some leading growers expect to begin shipping from that county October 1.

The present estimate of the coming crop of oranges is six million boxes.

The recent heavy rains damaged cotton in Bradford county, but the crop will come up well to the average number of bales.

Mr. E. D. Warner of Tallahassee has a freak in the shape of a full grown chicken which has its back and breast in reversed positions. It walks completely erect, and is indeed an odd-looking specimen.

The Crime of Idleness.

Idleness means trouble for any one. It's the same with a lazy liver. It causes constipation, headache, jaundice, sallow complexion, headache, jaundice, pimples and blotches, loss of appetite, nausea, but Dr. King's New Life Pills soon banish liver troubles and build up your health. 25c at S. W. Rowley's. tf

West Florida tobacco growers have as yet failed to find buyers for the excellent crop of tobacco they produced last year.

From all accounts the corn crop, especially in south Florida, will exceed anything ever before realized in Florida.

Seared With a Hot Iron,

or scalded by overturned kettle—cut with a knife—bruised by slammed door—injured by gun or in any other way—the thing needed at once is Bucklen's Arnica Salve to subdue inflammation and kill the pain. It's earth's supreme healer, infallible for boils, ulcers, fever sores, eczema and piles. 25c at S. W. Rowley's. tf

Fruit and vegetable growers of Palmetto and vicinity, to the number of about a hundred, met recently and organized a protective organization.