

## Rivers and Harbors

The Tampa Times has the following to say relative to the good work Congressman Sparkman is doing for the betterment of the rivers and harbors of the South:

"Congressman Sparkman was the leading figure at the national rivers and harbors congress in Washington. He struck the keynote of national demands for the future when he boldly stated that fifty million dollars per annum should be appropriated to the rivers and harbors of the country until the work of improving them and fitting them for the commerce of the world is completed.

"His demand sounds large, yet when the proportions between the needs of the country and the deficiency in the navigation facilities are discussed and compared it will be seen that he has no whit exaggerated the necessities. By placing himself in the van of this movement—a leadership for which he is better than any other man specially fitted—Mr. Sparkman has gained a national reputation and will be accepted by every part of the country as the special representative of this powerful interest. There is in it no politics, no partisanship, but only a sound, clearheaded regard for the most solid and pressing business of the whole nation. Our city and the State of Florida are to be congratulated upon the position occupied in this great movement for the betterment of rivers and harbors will henceforth be broadly national."

Congressman Sparkman is one of the few men who not only thoroughly understands present conditions, but appreciates the necessity of preparing for the future. There is no better way to spend the public funds than in increasing the facilities for handling the ever growing commerce of the nation. Especially is this true with reference to Southern, and particularly to Gulf ports, which will, in the course of a few years, be called upon to handle the bulk of the imports and exports through the Panama Canal. An annual appropriation to the end stated until all necessary work shall have been completed and a regular appropriation thereafter to maintain the standard of excellence reached, would probably do more to build up the country's commerce than legislation along any other line.—Pensacola Journal.

## The Sunflower

In the valleys east of the Rocky Mountain range and over the vast plains that stretch eastward to the Missouri river, can be seen thousands upon thousands of wild sunflowers, and no flower is more widely scattered over the entire country than this, said to be, for this and other reasons, the logical national flower. Botanists assert that it originated in the regions of the great plains. The early Spanish explorers introduced it into Spain. The American Indians raised it for the sake of the oil contained in it, using it to oil their hair with.

In Russia it is grown largely for its seed value; these are eaten as we do peanuts. Three varieties are grown, having white, black and striped seeds. The white yield the most oil, the black are the sweetest, and are preferred for eating; the striped seem to blend the good qualities of the other two. It may be added, in passing, that the Russian varieties have become the leading ones where the plant is cultivated in Kansas and elsewhere.

Sunflower oil comes nearest to possessing the qualities that mark olive oil than any other, and it is no doubt true, as has been stated, that a great deal of what is sold for olive oil is 75 per cent sunflower and the balance olive. It is said to be wholesome and decidedly palatable. In some sections of Europe, among the poorer classes a fair kind of bread is made from the seeds, while an inferior sort of cigar is manufactured from the leaves. Pulverized and blended with tobacco, the combination makes a good smoking article, there being a peculiar aroma about it that some smokers like. In China the fiber of the stalks makes a fine, silky fabric.

Thus it will be seen that what some consider an undesirable weed has an economic value not to be despised. In

treeless regions where strong soil prevails, stalks grow to such size as to be useful for fuel. It is even said that an excellent quality of paper can be made from them. Incidentally it might be added that farmers say nothing fattens chickens so quickly as its seeds, which seems to encourage them to lay.

Looking at it from an economic, esthetic and patriotic standpoint, it would seem eminently proper that the sunflower should be our national flower.

### THOSE "INCH" EDITORS.

Governor Broward has been criticised because of his utterance in the Jacksonville Sun that "we are afflicted with a sprinkling of editors who sell editorial at so much an inch, with sentiment thrown in."

We have no doubt in the world of the correctness of the Governor's statement.

In the first place, he has recently had a large experience as a candidate. As such, he came in contact with many newspaper men; he ought to know whereof he affirms and we have no idea that he deliberately lied about it.

Again, into every honorable vocation, profession and society on earth, unworthy men seek and gain admission, and we have no idea that the profession of journalism forms an exception to the rule. Why, it is only the other day that the newspapers reported that a popular preacher in Georgia had ran away with his neighbor's wife. The ministry, the churches, the Masonic lodges, and in fact all noble institutions and professions have their proportion of unworthy members, and doubtless, many a worthless man has his name at the head of a newspaper column as "editor."

We should feel very sorry were it otherwise, because every article of genuine merit on earth is counterfeited. We have counterfeit gold, silver, pearl, diamonds and rubies. The discovery of a counterfeit proves the existence of the genuine. Hence the discovery of worthless, counterfeit editors only proves that there are many who are sterling gold.—Jasper News.

### WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY ON ST. GOTHARD.

The wireless telegraph station on St. Gothard, Arco-Slaby system, will be opened in the middle of December. It will be a military station, and will rise on Fort Stoeckli; another will be erected on Rigi-Scheibegg. The distance between the two stations is nearly thirty-five miles. The apparatus will be placed on two masts, 165 feet high.

### WITH AN AMERICAN FLAVOR.

It is feared that Professor Peabody's experience of lecturing before empty benches—because not quite 3 per cent of German students understand English—will frighten the other American candidates in the Kaiser's list. The Berlin papers say "it's too bad that Peabody does not lecture in German." If he did he might be a success.

### CURING PATIENTS BY TELEPHONE.

In Berlin, the medical societies, replying to an inquiry from the Minister of Cult, maintain that a physician has the right to charge for a consultation by phone as much as for a visit at the patient's house.

### OBJECTS TO BEING TREATED LIKE COMMON CRIMINALS.

Count Puckler of Berlin, who has done time repeatedly for Jew baiting and inciting to riot, addressed a long rambling manifesto "to the public," in which he threatens to become a Socialist if the authorities again treat him, "the Count and political leader," as they treat "common criminals, burglars and thieves," when he happens to be sent to jail.

Observe the several little curls that dangle over the fashionable woman's coiffure. These go by the euphonious name of "cheaters," because they are intended to cheat mere man into the belief that they grew on the head that disports them. This they never did, as hairdressers will vouch. But real or

not, the cheater fills a long-felt want in fitting a head to its hat, and no properly equipped woman who desires to be a la mode can afford to be without two or three sets of these seductive little falsifiers.

### "DUTCH DANCING GIRL" NOW RUSSIAN PRINCESS AND MILLIONAIRESS.

To add to the troubles of the Czar, one of his nephews, Prince Tumanoff, one of the richest nobles in the empire, has just married Thekla Braum, who was known in the variety theaters as "the Dutch dancing girl." Thekla is as pretty as she is illiterate.

### AUSTRIAN POST REFUSES TO FORWARD COPPERS TO BARON ROTHSCHILD.

A co-passenger paid a lady's fare in a car and said: "Give the copper to some deserving person." The lady could not think of anyone more deserving than Baron Rothschild, and when she came home sent him a money order for 10 hellers. But the postoffice refused to accept the amount, "because the baron might feel offended."

### HEAVIEST MONARCH OF EUROPE.

King Leopold had himself weighed and proudly declared that he is the heaviest monarch of Europe, weighing in the neighborhood of 197 pounds. King Edward is next. He weighs 191 pounds.

Besides being the heaviest monarch, King Leopold "is the greatest criminal among monarchs," according to Mr. Stead.

Jacksonville's enterprising business men have again demonstrated their good sense in selecting Capt. C. E. Garner as president of the Board of Trade. Captain Garner has year after year demonstrated his eminent fitness for the position, and he discharges his every duty in a most satisfactory and pleasing manner, reflecting credit upon Jacksonville and her business men. Such excellent business men as Captain Garner are veritable treasures to any community, and the Herald congratulates Jacksonville on her successful retention of Captain Garner as a citizen and president of her Board of Trade. You know, Tampa would much like to have him, for he has large interests in this city and section.—Tampa Herald.

Now that the farmers of Gadsden have contracted their 1906 tobacco crop for prices ranging at from 45 to 55 cents per pound, all that remains for them to do is to get busy. At this rate Gadsden's farmers can count their wealth at the rate of at least \$500 per acre, and what farmer is it in Gadsden who finds it impossible by this method to count his year's earnings into the thousands? Those who plant tobacco at all have from three to twenty-five or thirty acres under shade. This, of course, does not include the larger planters, for it should be remembered that in Gadsden County are to be found the largest tobacco shades in the world.—Gadsden County Times.

The Democrats have made their first big blunder in naming John Sharp Williams the minority leader. He is a small man and capable of doing very small things. His punishment of Lamar is only a specimen along that line. It's a pity.—Ocala Banner.

Wonder what part that \$1,000,000 bank at Jacksonville is going to take in politics during the next campaign in Florida? If it don't play a part, or at least attempt to play a part, Editor Walpole will not be the only man who will be surprised.—Plant City Courier.

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