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No Waste Land In Sunny Florida

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J. W. White, industrial agent of the Seaboard Air Line, recently favored the Tampa Times with a call, and in the course of a chat stated that never before during his long connection with the Seaboard had he seen evidence of such widespread and enthusiastic interest in Florida. He is receiving inquiries from all parts of the country, and has recently made sales of land to a number of very desirable citizens--particularly in the Manatee section. But he gave warning that this general and steadily increasing interest in Florida is attracting a horde of hungry speculators who may do the State much harm. There are men, he said, who make a business of obtaining control of large tracts of land. They sub-divide this land and through the medium of extravagant advertising sell it in small tracts on the installment basis to clerks, laborers, and other people of small means, making immense profits on the figure at which they originally secured the lands. Many of the purchasers in these sub-divisions will never see their purchases, and after a time they will probably cease their payments and the land will revert to the State for taxes. Such operations will not benefit the State. There are a number of big land companies, however, which deal fairly with their customers--run excursions at very low rates, so that the people can actually see the land and learn its possibilities and all other conditions that they should know before purchasing. These methods result in the acquisition of desirable citizens.

"There is very little of what may be termed actually waste land in Florida," said Mr. White. "All grades of our land are useful for some purpose. If the new settler investigates intelligently before locating and starting operations--as I always urge hat those with whom I have business relations shall do--gratifying success will reward them, if they will but do their duty by the land."

It is Mr. White's prediction that before many years elapse Florida will be one of the most thickly populated and highly developed States in the Union.

The Same Old Boy.

You old fellows smile now when you see a young fellow going down the street with his derby perched on one side of his head; his trousers rolled up to expose the most of a pair of purple socks with tan shoes and wide ties on his feet. He certainly looks odd to the gray heads and we are inclined to smile at his oddity.

But after all, isn't he just about a second edition of what you were at the same age.

He wears better clothes, perhaps, than you did when you plastered your hair down with liberal applications of bear grease, drew a wide flaming necktie through your paper collar and sallied forth to see and to conquer.

The old folks laughed at you then as you laughed now.

But after all, it is the same old boy. His ideas, his hopes and his plans are not materially changed from those of the last generation.

He thinks putting on flamboyant styles is just about the thing now, but in a little while it will dawn upon him that there are more earnest things in life, and just as you did, will shed his little oddities and get down to business, ready in turn to smile at those who come after him and indulge in the same freaks as they are bound to do.

The boy of today is a pretty good fellow, and not half as soft as he looks.

He will harden up in a short time and almost before you know it, will be bustling around for business and supporting a growing young family.

Smile at him now, but he is going to make you respect him when he settles down, just as you made the others respect you after you found it wise to get down to business and hustle.

It is just the same, eternal, hopeful boy--the hope of the nation.--Miami News-Record.

Rich Men's Gifts are Poor

Recalls this: "I want to go on record as saying that I regard Electric Bitters as one of the greatest gifts that God has made to woman," writes Mrs. O. Rhine, 1014 Vestal Center, N. Y. "I can never forget what it has done for me."

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Survey has been of John's river from ocean, with a view channel.

CHANGES IN TEACHERS.

Quite a List of New Names for Florida College for Women

An unusually large number of changes will be made this year in the faculty of the Florida State College for Women, some of which are as follows:

Edward Conradi, A. M., Ph. D., president and professor of philosophy; in place of Dr. A. A. Murphree, who goes to the State University.

Clarence E. Boyd, Ph. D., professor of classics, vice Dr. Bondurant, who has resigned on account of ill health. A. E. Chrislip, A. M., dean of the normal school, and professor of education, vice Dr. Heatwole, who returns to Virginia.

Miss Shirley Long, A. M., a graduate of the College, instructor in Latin and mathematics, vice Miss Mary Sidney Johnston.

L. F. Barber, B. S., assistant professor of chemistry and biology, vice Miss Gano.

Miss Agnes Ellen Harris, B. S., director of home economics, vice Miss Catherine Mulligan.

Miss Elizabeth Gregg, A. B., director of model school and instructor in primary methods, vice Miss Hallie C. Lewis. Miss Lewis resigned to accept position as assistant in the department of home economic.

Mr. Barber's resignation as principal of the Leon County and Graded High School in Tallahassee is considered a public calamity. Under his wise, firm and gentle management every department of this institution was running along smoothly and harmoniously, and the progress and general condition of the school were most satisfactory to the patrons. Moreover, Mr. Barber had the affection and respect of every teacher and pupil in the school, and the general regret expressed at his resignation is most sincere.

The public school will also lose Miss Margaret Nelson, one of the most popular teachers on the faculty, who has accepted a position as teacher at St. Petersburg, in order to be nearer her home at Dunellon.

A Warning to Motorists.

William Darragh, a chauffeur of New York City, has been sentenced to not less than seven and not more than twenty years in the penitentiary for running over and killing a thirteen-year-old boy while on a "joy ride." Darragh was indicted for murder in the first degree, but the jury which tried him reduced the offense to manslaughter in the first degree.

In sentencing Darragh, Judge Mulqueen said:

"The punishment of one criminal is intended to serve as a warning to others. The automobile has come to stay. Properly used, it is a source of healthful recreation. It is an important factor in business. It affords remunerative employment to many.

"But it is clear that its use is fraught with the gravest danger to the people. Therefore, all drivers and owners of these machines must be extremely careful. Recklessness and negligence will subject them to severe penalties. They must not seek their own pleasures or convenience at the risk of the public. It is the paramount duty of the State to protect the lives of our citizens.

"The next man who comes to the bar of this court charged with this offense may pay the penalty with his life.

"No new or obscure law has been invoked in this instance. The statute defining murder in the first degree is very old. It provides as follows: 'The killing of a human being, unless it is excusable or justifiable, is murder in the first degree, when committed. By an act imminently dangerous to others, and evincing a depraved mind, regardless of human life, although without a premeditated design to effect the death of any individual.'

"It was urged by your counsel that you did not intend to kill your victim. But it is an elementary legal rule that a man's intent may be inferred from his acts.

"When you took your seat in that car, you were free to drive carefully or recklessly. Your choice to go at a most reckless pace. And you knew that you bore a message of death for the unfortunate in your path. You knew that all the people had at least an equal right to our streets and roads. You cared more for your own pleasure than for the life of any other person. You had the power to choose, and you elected to do that which destroyed an innocent life.

"If any motive swayed the jury other than a sense of duty it was not a desire for revenge, but rather a spirit of mercy. Indeed, I am convinced that if you had been a rich man, or a dissolute man, the verdict would have been murder. The legal proof of murder was overwhelming."

Notice to Telephone Subscribers.

Subscribers discontinuing the use of telephones during the summer months will be charged a fee of three dollars for remodeling phone Southern Telephone & Construction Co., 15-17. By W. L. Moor, Manager.

Governor's Signature Makes Bills Laws

The Race Track Bill, Cash's Pure Food Primary Bill, and Appropriation Bills Became Laws.

Governor Gilchrist signed last Saturday three of the most important general bills passed by the recent Legislature, and allowed another to become a law without his signature. This last was the bill popularly known as the "Race Track Bill," the true title of which reads as follows:

"An act to prohibit bets or wagers upon the result of any trial or contest of skill, speed or powers of endurance of man or beast, and to prohibit any person from becoming the custodian or depositary of any money or other thing bet or wagered upon any such result, and forbidding any person from aiding, assisting, or abetting any such acts, and repealing section 3581 of the General Statutes of the State of Florida."

The Governor declined to sign this bill because of an irregularity in its verbiage. It will be noticed that the last clause reads: "And repealing section 3581," when, in fact, the bill repeals nothing.

The next bill was one presented by Hon. W. T. Cash, dubbed by Governor Gilchrist, "Cash's Pure Food Primary Law." As enrolled, the title reads: "An act to require certain sworn statements of campaign expenses from candidates in primary elections, requiring certain duties of inspectors in properly identifying persons to whom ballots are given in primary elections; providing for the absenting of employees from their work on primary election days; prohibiting candidates from making donations of value; prohibiting persons from distributing certain writings against any candidate in the primary on primary day; providing for the compensation of inspectors in the primary in certain cases; prescribing penalties for the violation of the primary laws of this State by officials, electors and other persons; prohibiting the use or solicitation of money to influence the primary election, including the payment of poll taxes; prohibiting tax collectors from receiving poll taxes from person other than the one owing it, and providing penalties for violations of the primary by members of committee, inspectors and clerks of primary elections, and providing for the publication of this act."

The third bill was "An Act making it unlawful for any person or corporation to pay the poll tax of any other person or furnish the money therefor, or for any tax collector to accept payment of poll taxes from any person other than the person whose poll tax is being paid, and fixing a penalty for the violation thereof."

The fourth was the State Appropriation bill, and the sections devoted to appropriations for the higher institutions of learning in Florida were thoroughly threshed out by the Governor in the presence of the Joint Boards of Education and Control. It was only after an exhaustive examination into the needs of these institutions during which Mr. Bryan, Chairman of the Board of Control, was called upon to answer innumerable questions, that the Governor, in the presence of the two boards, signed this bill.

Mr. Bryan asked from, and, after some discussion, received from the Board of Control authority from the Board of Education to establish a Law School at the State University. This is not to be done immediately, however, but plans are to be perfected so as to be put into effect as soon as practicable. As the study of law is considered a special course, the student in this department will be required to pay a small yearly fee.

The establishment of a law department in the University has been a pet idea of Mr. Bryan's for some time, and he was manifestly pleased that his appeal to the Board of Education met with such ready response.

Meeting with the Boards were: Dr. A. A. Murphree, President of the University, Dr. Edward Conradi, President of the Woman's College, and Professor Rolfs, Director of the Experimental Station at the University.

Later the Board of Commissioners of State Institutions met in joint session with the Board of Control, and in the distribution they made of the amounts appropriated for the use of the University, eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000) voted to the erection of a new building for the use of the Experimental Station, and one for the Department of Science. Mr. Bryan urged this expenditure as being very urgent, the need for these buildings being even greater than the need for a new academic building for the Woman's College.

The Governor also signed that "An Act for the relief of Inez Abernethy, instructor of Art at the Florida Female College at Tallahassee," appropriating \$2,500 for the loss of her collection of art models, etc.

FLORIDA STATE FAIR.

Gentlemen Buy Interest And Will No Longer Depend on State Aid.

(Tampa Tribune.)

That the Florida State Fair is to be continued and without the necessity of depending upon the State for the payment of appropriations and premiums, was made certain yesterday, when a deal was closed in this city whereby new capital and new enterprise becomes enlisted in the State Fair movement.

W. H. Fizer, of Knoxville, Tenn.; J. U. Strode, of St. Louis, and Judge Charles Godshaw, of Louisville, Ky., reached the city yesterday morning and made a proposition to Frank C. Bowyer, W. G. Brorein and W. F. Stovall, owners of a majority of the stock of the Florida State Midwinter Fair Association, which proposition, after considerable investigation and discussion, was accepted. As a result of the negotiations, Messrs. Fizer, Strode and Godshaw purchased from Messrs. Bowyer, Brorein and Stovall one-half of their stock in the Association. The six gentlemen, owning the majority of the stock of the Association, will proceed at once toward making arrangements for holding another State Fair in the city next year, which will be distinct in many of its features from any of the previous State Fairs.

In the first place, the next fair will be entirely without State aid, in that the usual appropriation of \$15,000 for premiums will be lacking. Instead of securing this State aid and then compelling the premium winners to wait two years or more for their money, owing to inability to collect the appropriation from the State, the new management of the State Fair will pay the premiums itself, offering an unusually liberal list and making payments of same within two days after the judges report their awards. This will be something novel in State Fair history, but the new management is possessed of ample capital to make this guarantee and every exhibitor will be able to feel assured that he will not have a long wait for his money.

MANY IMPROVEMENTS.

Another new feature will be the great improvement of the fair grounds and race track. The new management will expend between \$25,000 and \$50,000 this summer and autumn in these improvements, which will include a new grandstand and the enlargement of the present half-mile track to three-quarters of a mile. The enlargement of the track will occupy the space now occupied by the Range and the industrial building, and the track, as enlarged and improved, will be easily the best in the South.

W. C. T. U. Notes.

The monthly meeting was held, the program arranged for Flower Mission being nicely carried out, although neither the president or superintendent of that department could be present on account of sickness. The Union has done an unusual amount of work in this department this year, and trust we have brought cheer and comfort to some shut-in.

We are glad to note there has been a good worker among our colored people during the week just passed. Mrs. E. E. Peterson, of Texarkana, Texas, National Superintendent of the Colored W. C. T. U., gave several most excellent addresses.

We clip from the Florida Christian Advocate:

During the past sixty days more than fifty cities, varying in population from 5,000 to 125,000, have adopted prohibition, either by direct or local vote, county referendum or State legislative enactment, which added to those already under prohibition rule, swell the list to a total of 300 cities in thirty-six States, with an aggregate of nearly 4,000,000 people. This does not seem to bear out the brewer's claim that the liquor traffic will always be here. In fact each day is adding proof that this dreadful business has been weighed in the balance and found wanting. By their own cold-blooded consideration of dollars and cents to the community, are they hastening the day of the entire banishment of this traffic from our land.

Walter M. Davis, of Palatka, one of the most widely known and brilliant young lawyers of the State, is dead.

The following resolutions were passed at a meeting of the Board of Control: Be it resolved by the Board of Control, That we deeply sympathize with our colleague, Hon. P. K. Yonge, in the recent death of his brother.

The ties of personal friendship which we entertain towards Mr. Yonge render his loss our loss, his sorrow our sorrow. We can only point him to the Creator of all good for strength and consolation.

Governor Gilchrist has been requested to appoint ten delegates from Florida to the National Cotton Congress to be held at Monte Ne, Ark., from June 24 to 28. The Governor would be pleased to have the names of any parties interested in receiving such appointments.

Southern France Is Visited By Earthquake

Quite a Number of Towns Are Destroyed And Hundreds of People Lose Their Lives.

MARSEILLES, June 14.--From 75 to 100 dead and 100 injured is tonight's estimated total casualties as the result of the earthquake which devastated several towns and villages in the southern part of France, particularly in the department of Herault and Bouches-Du-Rhone.

Great suffering is reported from the remoter places, owing to a lack of bread and the necessities of life before the arrival of assistance. The casualties may be greatly increased, as the ruins have not yet been entirely searched. The villages of Saint Cannat and Rognez were completely demolished by the earthquake, and Lumbesc, which is twelve miles from Aix, suffered heavily. According to advices received here a number of the wounded are still imprisoned in the ruins, and soldiers are working desperately to rescue them.

Survivors are sleeping in tents and the streets are impassable. In many places they have been torn up and are encumbered with masses of rocks. Houses, public buildings and churches were crumbled to pieces. Among other villages seriously damaged are Vauvargues, Venelles, Pelissanne, Puy-Ste-Heperate and Arguilles.

The victims at Saint Cannat and Rognez were horribly mutilated. There were evidences that several of the victims had lived for hours imprisoned by the debris before they died. The people rushed into the streets when the first shock occurred, crying out in terror. Many of them returned to the rescue of their families.

At Rognez a family of four were buried in the ruins. Their cries could be heard throughout the night, but all were dead in the morning when a rescuing party reached them.

At Saint Cannat an old man and his son were watching a billiard game. They were instantly killed. The players escaped with slight bruises. The Chateau Val Mousse, near Saint Cannat, was badly damaged. The communal chateau at Asquilles was split in two. The historic village of Vernegues was wrecked, but no one was killed. The monetary loss in the affected district is very heavy.

Brigade Meeting.

The regular monthly meeting of the Brigade, will be held in Trinity Methodist church Friday afternoon, June 25, at 4 o'clock. All members are requested to be present. Each officer will bring a written report. The president, Ruby Byrd, will have charge of the meeting.

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New Lawyers.

The following named candidates for admission to the bar of Florida passed successful examinations before the Supreme Court after a three days sitting, ending Saturday, the 12th, inst.

F. B. Hamilton, L. F. Brothers, J. J. G. Cooper, D. R. Marks, and P. A. Chappell (colored) of Jacksonville; H. S. Caldwell, Jasper; D. R. Dunne, St. Augustine; G. P. McCord, J. P. Moffet, Tallahassee; J. J. and C. P. Dickinson, Madison; J. F. Adams, Marianna; D. C. Hull, Plant City; Fred Botts.

A Card of Thanks.

My Dear Friends:--It would be impossible, as sad and lonely as I feel, to write each of you separately, so take this method of thanking each and every one of our friends of Woodville and Tallahassee, the doctors and the King's Daughters for their kindness and good wishes and generous hospitality shown to us while my good wife suffered in your midst. Long may they live. Peace and prosperity may you all have here on earth and then when life's work on earth is ended, may each of you be joined with the good wife, this thy servant, in the Heavenly mansion not made with hands. As far as language can express this is my best wishes to you all.

Sincerely yours,
W. E. DORSEY, Pastor,
Woodville, Fla.

New Smyrna Breeze: T. H. Roberts has leased 80 acres of land in Turnbull Bay from W. A. Warnock, of Jamaica, N. Y., and the land has been surveyed. About half this land lies in the bay where the finest oysters in the world are produced. Under the terms of the lease Mr. Roberts is to plant 1,000 bushels of oysters for nine years.