

FLORIDA TOPICS

Short Items from
all Sections
of the State

Starke is soon to have an ice factory erected.

The tax levy of Manatee county is three per cent of the assessed valuation.

A proposition to erect an electric light plant in Sarasota will soon be made to the town council.

Wild turkeys are so plentiful at Crystal River that the train ran into a flock a few days ago and killed five.

Ten to twelve thousand boxes is an estimate made for the orange crop at Crescent City this coming season.

The first bale of cotton for the season of 1905-6 was raised by Walton Blackstone, a negro of Leon county.

On August 22nd an election will be held in Apalachicola to vote on a forty-thousand dollar waterworks proposition.

The encampment of the Florida State troops will not be held this year until the latter part of September or early in October.

Scientists are seeking preventatives for sunstrokes. The best one known yet is to live in Florida. —Daytona Gazette-News.

Avery G. Powell will soon issue a trade edition of his paper, the Macclenny Standard, to boom the business interests of Baker county.

A \$50,000 hotel will be built at Arcadia by B. R. Tracey, late of the United States Treasury Department, Washington, now at Fort Russell, Wyoming.

One of the heaviest rainfalls that Jacksonville has had for several months was the one of last Friday, when 3.21 inches fell from 8 o'clock in the morning until 8 o'clock at night.

Judge H. F. Atkinson, of Miami, the state census enumerator for Dade county, started work on the census this week and will rush it through to completion as fast as accuracy will permit.

The Miami baseball club is to start out on a tour August 17, to be absent about two weeks. They expect to play at Palm Beach, Jensen, Titusville, Daytona, Palatka, DeLand, Orlando, Lakeland and Bartow.

The Florida East Coast Railway company will very likely purchase the small yacht Mystery, owned by Capt. Meloy, of Miami, for use as a dispatch boat between Miami and the extension work of the road in the keys.

Tom King, the negro arrested last week at Miami by Deputy Sheriff Gore, on a charge of murder and assault at Inverness, Polk county, has confessed that he is the party wanted, though he denies that he committed murder.

Judge H. B. Saunders, of West Palm Beach, has been awarded the contract to build a road from the western limits of that city across a shallow chain of fresh water lakes, that will open up several thousand acres of rich farm lands bordering on the Everglades.

The union carpenters and joiners of Gainesville have gone out on strike. The mechanics warned the contractors and employers some time ago that they would go on strike August 1, if the work hours were not reduced from ten to nine on the same pay. Several contractors granted the demands at once, however, and it is believed nearly all will do so.

One day recently seven boys, the eldest one 10 years and the youngest one less than 7, were found on a barge in the Key West harbor; all of them beastly drunk. They were brought ashore by some other boys and put in a vacant lot on the beach, where they were later found by their parents. One of the younger boys was so crazed by liquor that he tore all of his clothes off and lay in the sun for more than two hours.

Gov. Broward has signed the death warrant of Isiah E. Cooper, the convicted murderer of Marshal Bowman, of Punta Gorda, who has been in jail at Arcadia under sentence of death for nearly three years. More than a year ago he was reprieved on the eve of his execution by Governor Jennings, in order that his case might go before the Pardoning Board, but that body never took action on the case. Friday, Sept. 1st, is the day set for the execution.

On the 5th instant the great fishing fleet of Punta Gorda set sail. Last year there were thirty-two crews of fishermen. This year they number forty. Of this number, fifteen crews have fifteen men each, representing two hundred and twenty-five men. Other crews will run from six to eight men. In addition to this, there are two men engaged on each of the sharpies or vessels plying to and fro from the fishing grounds. Between four hundred and fifty and five hundred men are engaged in the business at that point.

Governor Broward has reappointed Captain R. E. Rose state chemist.

No suitable site has yet been offered for the governor's mansion at Tallahassee.

Every school in Dade county, with the exception of four, opened for the fall term this week.

Fort Myers fish dealers are making extensive preparations for the opening of the fish season on August 15.

Palatka's board of bond trustees has decided to float bonds to the amount of \$60,000 for a waterworks system for the city.

The State council of the Knights of Columbus in session in St. Augustine last week, has named Tampa as the meeting place for 1906.

Interest in the State fair movement is becoming more marked, and county after county, many of which have not hitherto been represented at a Florida Fair, is falling into line.

When a lamp is overturned, never put water on it to extinguish the flames, for the oil spreads over the surface of the water. Throw flour, sand, garden earth or salt on the blaze, if a rug is not available.

Shipments through the port of Fernandina in July were as follows: Lumber, 4,119,556 feet; crossties, 18,000; rosin, 33,450 barrels; turpentine, 1,750 casks; phosphate, 5,065 tons; cotton seed meal, 8,960 sacks.

The election that made Fort Brooke a portion of Greater Tampa does not affect Mayor Lesley and he holds municipal court just the same and says that when the legislature says he is down and out he will relinquish his office.

Mrs. Elizabeth Evans, of Lakeland, was successful last week for the third time in getting a big judgment against the Atlantic Coast Line railway for the death of her husband. The jury, after being out two hours and a half, found in her favor for \$12,000.

The Atlantic Coast line is now working 500 hands in constructing the railroad from Newberry to Perry. The contractors are employing all the labor possible to complete the road at the earliest possible moment to Perry, and be ready for the northwestern extension to Climax, Ga.

The Tampa Times, in speaking of business being good in spite of the yellow fever scare, says that one merchant was obliged to take in his sign, and then he worked from morning until late at night. The Times didn't state the business, and he might have been an undertaker. —Gainesville Sun.

Angus Paterson, a prominent attorney of Madison, is dead. He was a member of the constitutional committee of 1865. He was a devoted member of the Masonic fraternity and took an active share in the proceedings of that order. He was a high minded and efficient attorney—a "gentleman of the old school."

The volume of shipments of cigars from the Tampa factories climbs continually upward. The shipments for the week ending July 31, were 4,350,000. Total shipments from January 1 to the end of July aggregate 119,800,000. For a corresponding period of last year the shipments were 101,295,000 making an increase for the present year of over 18,500,000.

At a meeting of the board of commissioners of state institutions on Tuesday, bids were opened for the state printing for the term of two years ending October 1, 1907. There were only two bidders—John G. Collins, proprietor of The True Democrat, and I. B. Hilson. The bid of Mr. Collins, although the lowest, was excluded because of his failure to deposit a certified check for \$12,500, and the contract was awarded to I. B. Hilson. —True Democrat.

Clifford W. Chalfinch, a Putnam county boy whose home is at Buffalo Bluff, and who is now serving in the United States navy on the Cincinnati, writes to friends in this city from Cavite, P. I., relating many experiences during the cruise of the fleet covering a period of about two years. Mr. Chalfinch witnessed the first sea fight between the Japanese and Russian fleets and also saw the first landing of the first invading army of the Japs at Chemulpo, Corea. He writes interestingly of the movement of the Russian remnant Baltic squadron under Admiral Enquist, in its retreat from the Korean straits after the recent disastrous battle. The Cincinnati is now homeward bound, and Mr. Chalfinch will likely visit his old home at an early date. —Palatka News.

The first train has been run over the new Birmingham, Columbus & St. Andrews railroad.

Real estate has made a remarkable advance in Palatka and a great deal of building is in progress.

The city council of Jacksonville has taken up the matter of race separation in the street cars of that city.

G. E. Bryan of Jacksonville was the lowest bidder for the sewer contract at Tampa. The price was \$55,000.

The health report for the city of Pensacola the past month shows that the death rate was not quite one to a thousand.

Gadsden county challenges comparison with any other county of the State with a record of only \$60.43 delinquent taxes for 1904.

If such a thing is possible the citizens of West Palm Beach will put in a telephone exchange, probably when the line is completed.

The Continental hotel at Atlantic Beach has closed for the season, notwithstanding the business was claimed to be the best ever.

The election in Lake City was carried for the issuance of \$135,000 in bonds for city improvements. The vote stood 135 for to 7 against.

The supreme court has killed all hope of Sunday base ball in Jacksonville. That law of the last legislature is one that is "constitutional."

The city attorney of West Palm Beach draws a salary of \$10 a month and the city marshal and tax collector combined draws \$50 a month.

A recent police census for Jacksonville and St. Augustine shows a population of 40,000 for the former place and over 5,000 for the ancient city.

The question of uniting Manatee and Bradentown under one charter was voted down at a meeting of the joint consolidating committees of the two places last week.

It is stated that the Messrs. Dowling of Suwannee county will make an effort to induce a colony of Ohio Germans to locate near Live Oak. They are the kind of settlers that Florida wants.

A great many new residences are being erected in Miami in anticipation of next season's rush of tourists. Last season it was impossible to accommodate all; in fact, it is impossible to rent a desirable house or cottage there now, so great is the demand.

One man shipped from Zolfo, July 18, \$3000 worth of wool. The wool sold on the depot for that amount; and this is only one of the smallest of the varied industries that put over a million dollars a year in the pockets of the DeSoto county citizens. —Advertiser.

C. H. Hoffner of Pinecastle, appointed commissioner for Orange county to prepare an exhibit of the splendid resources of the county at the mid-winter fair in Tampa, has had charge of Orange county's exhibit for the past three fairs, and has been eminently successful.

Sarasota is being cleaned from center to circumference, and placed in good sanitary condition. Ditches are being cleaned, weeds and bushes cut down and hauled away, and the life of the festive mosquito made of short duration by the application, where needed, of crude petroleum.

On July 15th, two young men left Green Cove Springs for a bicycle trip to Portland, Oregon. If all that energy were expended on a Bradford county cotton farm or strawberry garden these young men would soon be able to wear diamonds and ride to Portland on a Pullman car. —Starke Telegraph.

The Southern Bell Telephone company is constructing a long distance telephone line from Jacksonville to Gainesville, via Starke. This, of course, gets Gainesville in connection with the balance of the world, as the long distance lines run out of Jacksonville to Atlanta and Savannah and on north.

Several of the over-anxious citizens of Tampa who skipped out of town when the mild yellow fever case of the New Orleans refugee, Victor Vitello, was first announced, have already come back. The prospect of the early recovery of the Italian and the present absence of any other case in town has restored the confidence of even the timid ones.

Ocala is aroused over the appointment by Governor Broward of Gen. Bullock's successor without waiting for the recommendation of the county executive committee. The committee met Monday for the purpose of making a recommendation, but on account of the lack of a quorum the committee adjourned. Immediately afterwards Joseph H. Bell, a prominent young attorney of Ocala, received a telegram informing him that the Governor had appointed him judge of the County Court and that the commission had been signed and sealed and was on the way to Ocala.

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