

FLORIDA TOPICS Short Items from all Sections of the State

Miami teamsters have formed a union.

Four deer have been killed in the vicinity of Candler within the last 10 days.

There is not an empty house in Starke fit to live in, and there is a demand for more.

Of the four murder and rape cases on trial at Deland the defendants are all colored.

The cotton crop at Chipley has all been marketed and it is said to be 20 per cent short.

The city of Milton is to be lighted by electricity, furnished by the Stearns Lumber Company.

Madison is to have a home insurance company modeled after the Georgia Mutual Association.

The Leon county court house has been improved recently with paint, both outside and on the interior.

Richard Robinson, a smooth Live Oak con, is under arrest charged with walking off with a watch he took to look at.

Jacksonville is anxious to have the Governor appoint a woman as county superintendent for schools for Duval.

In county court at Miami Monday a woman named Jeanie Sanchez was fined \$250 and costs for selling liquor without license.

A peach canning establishment at Melrose has 6,000 dozen cans of very fine fruit put up and is now giving attention to tomatoes.

The advertising campaign in connection with the Pure Food Exposition will be the most active and largest ever given in this State.

The franchise fight between Palatka and the Heights Street Railway Company has been decided in favor of the city. The case will be appealed.

The oranges of Orange county are so fine this year that a man in the adjoining county tried to get some of them to put with his county exhibit at Tampa.

The Dade County Board of Public Instruction has decided that pupils who deserve punishment in school will have to submit or take their books and go home.

Four cows were poisoned in Pensacola recently from eating leaves from what is known as a mock orange tree. The animals died shortly after they swallowed the growth.

The first trains through from New York to St. Augustine will leave New York on January 8, several days earlier than ever before in the history of the tourist travel to Florida.

The commissioners of Suwanee county advertised for bids for the construction of forty additional miles of hard roads in that county. Bids will be opened and considered on December 8.

For insulting young ladies on the street in St. Augustine two young men were each fined \$20 and cost in the city court. The alternative was sixty days' imprisonment. Should have got both.

Charles Brown of Belleview died at his home Tuesday. He went to Ocala Saturday, filled up on "booze" and was found by the roadside in an unconscious condition. He never regained consciousness.

In the circuit court at Live Oak on Tuesday two colored preachers had a most amusing seance. Both had been fired from the church where each tried to expound the truth, and each accused the other of many crimes.

Arrangements are being perfected to increase the capacity of the Packers' Packing and Preserving Co's. plant at Delray from 33,000 cans a day to 100,000 cans. The plant was operated with great success last season.

Two years in the penitentiary was the sentence meted out to James Osteen convicted of manslaughter in the killing of the Carter brothers. Allen Osteen who was on trial as an accomplice of his brother, charged with the murder of the Carter brothers, was found not guilty and is a free man.

Letters patent have been granted incorporating the De Soto Turpentine Co., with a capital of \$75,000. The incorporators are C. Dowling, B. W. Blount and O. H. Lowther. Mr. Dowling is president of the new company, and Mr. Lowther secretary and treasurer. The purpose of the company is to deal in naval stores.

The Jacksonville Bar Association has passed strong resolutions condemning in no uncertain terms the class of work that has been turned out by the printing concern having the contract for the printing of the Supreme Court reports and the delay that has ensued in completing the work. The printing has been done by the Capital Printing Company of Tallahassee.

All the relay camps have been abolished in the vicinity of Pensacola.

Live Oak is talking of a new opera house. There are other cities in need of one.

It has been several days since a case of yellow fever has been reported at Pensacola.

The West Palm Beach Daughters of the Confederacy will give a Thanksgiving dinner.

It is given out that the contract for the construction of the Miami trolley line has been let.

Lee county figures on having an orange crop of 100,000 boxes, about 25 per cent less than last year.

More than twenty thousand people attended the Ringling circus in Jacksonville on Wednesday.

The annual distribution of vegetable and flower seeds by the U. S. Department of Agriculture will begin on Dec. 1.

Professor Elzey, superintendent of public instruction of Duval county has resigned his position because of ill health.

Jacksonville will have a test case of the Jim Crow street ordinance in that city. Andrew Patterson will be the candidate.

Black dengue, a disease among the deer of LaFayette county, is said to be killing the animals in that section at an alarming rate.

M. W. Goode, road superintendent of Dade county, was assaulted and seriously injured Monday by a negro convict in the stockade at Ojus.

Orange growers at Orlando are opposed to shipping fruit before it is ripe, but the buyers are demanding it, while some are afraid of a freeze.

A party of Orlando hunters went to Apopka marsh, and while they were away from camp after game some one stole the tent and the whole outfit.

With the orange crops, the peach crops, the truck crops the fields crops and cattle industry the people of Volusia are complaining of no hard times.—Record.

Some of the Jacksonville hotels are advertising summer rates and cool, airy rooms. Many people prefer a moderately warm room in winter, but don't kick on summer rates.

The Milwaukee orange grove crop of oranges at Belleville is estimated at 35,000 boxes. The grove contains 200 acres in orange trees. This is the largest grove on this peninsula.

Twelve boys were sent to the Reform school at Marianna from Jacksonville last Monday morning, to serve until 21 years old unless legally discharged. Four were white and eight were colored.

The business men of Kissimmee who were burned out on Thursday night of last week, involving a loss of some \$17,000, have commenced to rebuild, although the loss was not half covered by insurance.

Perry, the county-seat of Taylor county, will not rest until they have four railroads centering there. They will be the Florida road, already there, Seaboard Air Line, Live Oak, Perry & Gulf and Atlantic Coast Line.

Our nextdoor neighbor, E. B. Douglass has on his front lawn an alligator pear tree that is loaded down with fine pears. One trouble about it, however, is that an electric light pole stands near by the pear tree.—Miami News.

The Bradford County Teachers' Association will meet in Lake Butler Friday, December 1st. The teachers are preparing an elaborate program for this occasion and it is hoped that a large delegation will be on hand. Lake Butler Star.

Col. W. C. Fowler of the Kentucky Military Institute will bring 150 cadets with him to Eau Gallie, January 7th to attend school. The Sarno hotel and cottages have been leased for the use of the college during the winter months.

The present outlook for Bradford county's strawberry crop is most encouraging. The growers about Starke give good reports and a Lawtry correspondent says of the outlook there: "The rainy season has been an ideal one for strawberry culture. The fields are looking fine and the acreage is larger than ever." Starke Telegraph.

George W. Buttrick and William Jackson were burned to death Sunday afternoon in the city jail at Lake City by fire started by Buttrick. Buttrick and Jackson, with J. I. Aipple and Isaac Allen, were arrested for disorderly conduct. Soon after entering the jail, smoke was seen issuing from the cell occupied by Buttrick and Jackson. Marshal Miles arrived in time to rescue Hipple and Allen, but the other two

were dead when the officer reached their cell.

All quarantine against Pensacola has been raised.

Governor N. B. Broward has issued his annual Thanksgiving proclamation.

The people of Starke have begun a Sunday closing crusade and it is announced that places of business will have to have their doors shut after 12 o'clock noon.

The Tampa Ministerial Association is making a strong fight against the granting by the commissioners of Hillsborough county of licenses to sell liquor on State Fairgrounds.

Fruit growers of Altamonte Springs refuse to allow their oranges to be shipped until ripe. They want to maintain their reputation for sending out the finest Florida fruit.

J. A. Baird & Co., who have heretofore packed oranges from the De Land Packing House, will operate this winter from Beresford, where they have a warehouse and packing house.

The paw paw of Southern Florida is entirely different from the fruit of that name sold in the North. It somewhat resembles the cantaloupe, is nearly as large, and is food fit for the gods.

E. A. Brewer, who has a farm on the edge of the Everglades, in Dade county, is raising and shipping some of the finest egg plants you will find in a day's walk. It averages 12 to a crate.

The DeFuniak Breeze warns Florida farmers in reference to curing hay. It claims native hay is as good as the best from any locality, but a great deal of it is overripe, poorly cured, or full of sand.

The fountain in Hemming Park at Jacksonville collapsed on Wednesday, just as the park attendant had commenced to clean it. It has stood for many years, but the heat from the big fire in 1901 damaged it considerably.

The United States Supreme Court has affirmed the decision of the State Supreme Court in the case of the Tampa Waterworks company vs. Tampa city, holding that the city has the right to modify the rates paid by consumers.

About \$2,000 has been subscribed by the members of the Church Club of Jacksonville, connected with the Episcopal church, for the erection of a permanent club building. Ex-Governor Francis P. Fleming is the president of the club.

Nine steamboats and forty lighters have been purchased for the work of the Key West extension of the Florida East Coast railway and this fleet is now on its way to the scene of activity. The company already has twenty-six additional lighters on the work.

Dr. F. D. Miller, city health officer, and Dr. R. McGinnis, special assistant to the state health officer, have decided to request the Mayor of Jacksonville to issue an order instructing the city marshal to shoot all dogs running at large which he believes are affected in any way with disease.

The orange trees in the city are filled with luscious oranges. While there are not very many trees at any one place, many yards have thriving trees, and each tree is filled with fruit, and here and there may be found a tree from which hang clusters of grape fruit. So many trees contain fruit this season, that the remark is frequently heard, "Begins to look like old times."—Apalachicola Times.

"The road from New Smyrna to Daytona," says the Breeze, "is now in fine condition, and will be an ideal drive for automobilists this winter. We invite the visitors of our neighboring cities north of us to take a run down to New Smyrna and take a drive over our rickety shell streets and see one of the prettiest towns in Florida. We have much here to attract the sightseers besides our shell streets, as this is one of the oldest settlements in the United States.

J. Y. McKinney, superintendent of the Protective Fruit Association at Candler, has constructed a machine to spray groves. It consists of a gasoline engine and force pump, mounted on a wagon, and will spray four trees at a time and saves about one-half of the spray material that has heretofore taken to do the same amount of work. It does the work in a thorough manner and is a terror to the many insects that infest citrus trees.

There is evidently no truth in the statement that the water hyacinths are spreading on the lower canals of the Florida Coast Line Canal and Transportation Company, for the Delray correspondent of the Miami Metropolis says: "Capt. George G. Gleason of St. Augustine, who spent last Wednesday in town and took a trip down as far as Hillsboro Inlet, looking up the rumor in regard to water hyacinth being in the canal, found only lettuce, which will do no damage.

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