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hoes from Florida's Leading Educational Institution.

ARGEST ENROLLMENT

rrespondent Tell Some of the Many Improvements at the University. Gift of Mr. Stetson.

The winter term opened January 3d th a great increase. The fall term s large and exceedingly prosperous. st year a decided forward movement gan. The clouds that hung over the iversity began to break, and the sun now shining on it full and clear. The y was never so blue or so full of hope. charming lady of this State wrote to e new president last year that she ped he would bring the University t "clear as the sun, fair as the moon, d as terrible as an army of banners." Everyone at Stetson University has en quickened and revived. No one living back in 1902—the days of the d trouble—but in January 1906, and e have stepped out into the new year rgetting the things that are behind d reaching forward to the things that e before. All have plucked up urage, and the professors are doing eir work with increased energy and thusiasm. The cheerful face, the d eye, the pleasant greeting, the ick step are all evidences of the hopes at burn in us all.

John B. Stetson, in the last eight onths, has added to the endowment nd the sum of $16,600 to meet curnt expenses. The money was used wipe out a deficit, to pay teachers laries, to put in readiness 26 new udent rooms, to repaint the buildings d to improve the grounds. Last winr 26 students from the University of icago were in the university and ere are four times the number regisred now than at this time last year. The religious and moral life at the iversity has been greatly blessed, and e whole student body has attended e Bible readings of the president. is past fall the gospel of St. John, e book of Amos' the book of Esther, e two epistles of St. Peter, the letter James, the book of Hebrews, and ul's letters to the Corinthians, the hesians and Timothy have been read. e vesper services also have been atnded by hundreds. This service is eatly loved and prized by the citizens. esident Lincoln Hulley has addressed e students each Sunday afternoon. e subjects have included "Character ilding," "The Investment of a Life," he Temptations of College Students," he Mastery of Self," Struggles of a ue Christian." The Christian assotions of the university have a great l of vitality and are doing excellent rk. The prayer circle composed of chers and students, have carried on active campaign of Christian with ividual students. The Rev. D. J. cker and the Rev. H. B. Gibbons, o consecrated ministers of the gospel, ve brought the discipline and moral e of the dormitories to a very high ne. Dean Smith has exercised such se supervision of class attendance d class standing as to drive every fer to the woods. We do not want, d we will not have idlers, incorrigibles viscious people on our rolls.

There have been many improvements d enlargements all through the unirsity this year. The buildings have en repainted, the plumbing has been rfected. Every part of the univery needing the least bit of carpentry s been atteaded to. The laundry has d new tubs, new boilers, machines d a lot of appliances. All the buildgs have received some new furniture, gs, mats, carpets and complete rnishings for 26 rooms. $700 has been ent in books. Two university bulletins ve been issued. The college paper s been enlarged, a new hymnal conining the best hymnology of the hristian church has been put in the apel. The foot-ball field has been vered with clay. The foot-ball team s won the championship of the State, d Editor George W. Wilson of the mes-Union has presented them with trophy cup. Additional shelves have en put in the law library and the general library. Three distinct gifts of books have been received from friends of the institution. The technological school has been reorganized. The school of mechanical arts has been established. A chemical engineering course has been added to the civil, electrical, and mechanical courses of the college of technology. E. O. Painter of Jacksonville has founded two chemistry scholarships, each for $75.00. The university has added this year 12 new courses of study and will offer 13 additional ones next year. Three extra instructors have been added to the faculty, one to the chair of chemistry, one in the school of pedagogy and one in the school of music. Among the new chemistry courses are courses in organic, physical, sanitary, industrial and agricultural chemistry. The normal school has been reorganized also. Its courses have been extended. The practical is being emphasized and the work is correlated with that of the State in education.

The music school has never been so active. Prof. Morse is an artist. He has the soul of a master. He is all tingle with his music. His organ recitals, his reproductions of oratorios

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A Serious Accident.

M. Davis met a serious accident while crossing the railroad trestle on his way home Wednesday evening In some unaccountable way he fell from the track to the ground beneath, barely missing the water. He was found some minutes later by Leo, and was carried home, where he was in great agony for an hour or more. Dr. Lloyd was summoned and did everything to relieve his suffering, and found that his breast bone was broken and several ribs fractured. The victim of the unfortunate accident is also suffering from a severe attack of asthma, and is in a serious condition.

TO HELP FLORIDA FRUIT INTERESTS

It seems probable that the Florida orange, lemon and grapefruit growers will receive some consideration at the hands of Congress at the present session. An effort is being made to have Congress make an appropriation for the eradication of the white fly, which has done a great deal of damage to fruit groves in this state. The work will probably be done in connection with the continued efforts of the Department of Agriculture to combat the boll wevil pest which has been troubling the cotton growers.

Growers in Florida are hard at work securing data to show the amount of damage sustained, which will be used to convince congressmen of the necessity of immediate action. Florida's senators and representatives have signified their willingness to aid the growers and as there is no opposition apparent, the only thing likely to defeat the proposed measure will be an economical turn on the part of congressmen, which might result in cutting down appropriations. —Exchange.

Governor Broward in Fort Lauderdale.

Governor Broward spent Saturday at Fort Lauderdale and vicinity, his business being in connection with the plans for draining the Everglades.

Govenor Broward does not appear in the least worried in regard to the injunctions that have been issued by the United States court to prevent the assessing and collection of special taxes on certain lands for carrying out the Everglade drainage scheme. The machinery for the dredges has all been shipped to Fort Lauderdale, and it is the intention to have the dredges built at or near that place.

Notice to the Public.

The daily weather reports issued by the United States weather bureau is posted in a neat frame at the Post Office daily for the benefit of the public.

T. J. O'BRIEN, Local Observer.

Have you paid your subscription?

Notice of Annual Meeting.

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Fort Pierce Land and Improvement Company will be held in the office of the Company at Fort Pierce, Fla., on Tuesday, Feb. 13th, 1906, at 10 o'clock A. M.

H. A. EISNER, Secretary.

ALL RECORDS ARE BROKEN

Marriott Spins off Five Miles in 2 Minutes 47 Seconds.

IN FREAK STEAM CAR

Thousands of Spectators Lined the Course to Witness the Speed Kings' Battle for Supremacy at Daytona.

The greatest event of the season on the East Coast—the International Automobile Meet— is now in full blast on the Ormond-Daytona beach, and enthusiasm is at a high pitch. Thousands of spectators line the course along the hard beach to watch the powerful machines and iron-nerved men battle for supremacy. The weather has not been very propituous for speed making, nor has it been all the spectators could wish. Notwithstanding this, all previous records for one and five miles have been smashed to smithereens, and before the great tournament is over Mercury and his famous speed will look like thirty cents.

On Monday no official races were run, but most of the racers were out on the beach trying the speed qualities of the famous race course. The feature of the day was the lowering of the kilometer record by the Stanley steamer, a freak cigar-shaped car. The time was 19 1-5 seconds, and although it was unofficial, showed what could be done.

The first race called Tuesday was the one mile international for the Dewar trophy. Again the Stanley freak set a mark for the speed kings, making the mile in 32 seconds. In the last event of the day, which was for steamers only, the same car, driven by Marriott, made mile in 31 4-5 second, thus clipping a notch off the previous time. The one mile heavyweight championship was won by Lancia in 110 horse-power Fiat, in 37 seconds.

On Wednesday Marriott again drove the freak machine in record-breaking time, winning the second heat of the five-mile open championship in 2:47 1-5, thus establishing a new worlds record for that distance. The final heat, however, was won by Lancia in 3:01 1-5. Cedrino, in a 24-30 horse-power car, won the five mile middleweight championship event; time, 3:53 1-5. The five mile heavyweight for gasoline cars was won by Earp, 80 horse-power, in 2:56.

Vanderbilt's big 250 horse-power machine had not been able to enter any of the races up to Wednesday night, but the owner, driver and builder are all workiug on it and confidently expect to enter the car in some of the big events, and the owner is sanguine in his hopes for the two-mile-a-minute record.

PERSONAL AND LOCAL.

Harry Dyer, of Stuart, was in Fort Pierce yesterday.

W. G. Gilmore, of Jensen, was in Fort Pierce last Saturday.

A. E. Saeger and W. N. Kneath, of Ankona, were in Fort Pierce Tuesday.

Miss Nan Alderman, who has spent the past year with relatives at Kissimmee, has returned to Fort Pierce.

Manager Crooks reports business as rushing at the Stetson hotel lately. Last evening he was obliged to turn guests away.

W. S. Davis and wife and Miss Mason, of Jacksonville, are a party who registered at the Stetson hotel last evening.

Miss Winifred McClinton and Miss Racey, Harold and Ralph Racey, of Jensen, were a party at the Stetson hotel last Sunday.

Mrs. L. W. Bartlett and son who have been boarding at the Riverview, have rented rooms at Mrs. J. D. Almond's and are now light-housekeeping.

The Aid Society of the Methodist church will hold a social meeting at the residence of Mrs. Frank Roylance next Tuesday afternoon at 2:30. All are invited.

An affidavit was filed before County Judge Andrews by J. J. Jandreau, of Vero, charging Mrs. Mary Roach, of Vero, with wounding a hog while attempting to drive it off of her premises. The case has been set for trial for Saturday morning. C. T. McCarty represents the prosecution and Fred Fee will appear for the defendant.

Hobb Eldred, of Carrollton, Ills., a cousin of D. P. and P. C. Eldred and Mrs. H. S. Thomas, of Eldred, arrived in Fort Pierce Wednesday to spend the winter.

Services at the Methodist church for Sunday, January 28th, are as follows: Sunday School, 10 a. m.; preaching 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. by the pastor. All are most cordially invited.

Mrs. L. A. Hildreth and children will leave next week for Lakeland. Kent will return from there Sunday night to assist his mother in moving. They will return to Fort Pierce in a month or two.

Up to date Brevard county has collected $1,080 for hunting licenses issued this season. This is a splendid showing, and if the game is to be slaughtered every one should pay for the privilege.

Mrs. Wm. Post and sons and John Hurst and wife, of Buckhannon, W. Va., arrived in Fort Pierce last evening, and will join the Buckhannon colony in Fort Pierce and St. Lucie for the winter.

At the special meeting of County Commissioners held here Monday and Tuesday the board examined plans for a new jail submitted by the Pouly Jail Company and John S. Franz, representing the Diebold Safe Company. No definite action was taken.

J. M. Dunham, of Columbus, Ohio, arrived in the city last evening in the interest of a party of Ohioans who are contemplating locating in this section. Mr. Dunham is a member of the real estate firm of Dunham & Co., and is looking at land salong the entire coast. D. E. Austin is showing him the country today.

WEALTHY PEOPLE VISITING FLORIDA

The information comes that hundreds of wealthy people are in Florida this week, principally to attend the automobile races at Daytona-Ormond beach, but that many will remain for a month or two, going to various places.

Many will no doubt inspect the great work of extending the Florida East Coast Railway from Miami to Key West, considered by engineering experts as one of the most costly and extensive undertakings ever attempted in this country. The millionaire contingent also wants to visit the pineapple, orange and grapefruit growing sections to see what the future in them promises. In fact, many of the visitors are said to be business men, and they want to learn of Florida and other Southern States, with a view of either investment or lending of money for schemes of development. The south now seems to be the most attractive section for profitable investment and development. Railroad building and various manufacturing industries are all tending this way, and with them naturally come population and new enterprises.

It is said one party is in Florida this week representing over $100,000,000 of surplus funds.—Metropolis.

Chicago Democrats in Florida.

The Cook County Democratic Club passed through here last Sunday afternoon on a special train enroute to Cuba, where they are spending a few days. The party stopped at Ormond and Daytona, where they were royally entertained last Sunday morning, proceeding to Miami the same night. Monday morning they boarded the steamship Shinnecock for Havana. Over a hundred business men of Chicago compose the party, which is famous throughout the country. A. L. Shipman, a well-known railroad man has charge of the excursion.

To Organize Fire Department.

A meeting of the citizens and property owners of Fort Pierce is called for next Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock at C. C. Boykin's shop, for the purpose of discussing fire protection and organizing a volunteer fire department.

W. E. TYLANDER
R. E. MIMS JR.

Notice to Dog Owners.

All dogs caught on the streets of Fort Pierce after February 1st, on which no license has been paid, will be caught and killed.

D. L. ALDERMAN, Marshal.

WILL VISIT THE EVERGLADES

David Caldwell Tells the Havana Post About the Country.

WILD ANIMALS ABOUND

Will Start From St. Lucie on his 1906 Trip to Penetrate the Wilderness Will be Gone Two Months.

David Caldwell, a contractor and builder of New York City, is now at St. Lucie visiting his old friend E. C. Summerlin, after vainly trying to endure the sweltering atmosphere of Jamaica during the past month. He also stopped a few days in Cuba on his return from Jamaica. Mr. Caldwell, who is deal of a globe trotter as well as hunter and business man, spends a few weeks every year in the Everglades hunting and fishing with only a couple of boys for guides and companions.

The Havana Post has the following to say in reference to the Everglades and Mr. Caldwell's 1906 trip into this little known region of Florida, upon which he will start in a few days:

"This is a region so wild and inaccessible that it has never been penetrated except by the government explorers, who made a survey of Lake Okeechobee, and by an occasional naturalist in search of rare specimens.

"The starting point of Mr. Caldwell's trip will be St. Lucie, a village on Indian River. Here he will get horses and his two "Cracker" guides, without whom an attempt to penetrate the famous swamp would be a foolish undertaking. These boys, whose fathers and grandfathers grew up in the country, know every inch of the treacherous bog and threading streams that make the region so mysterious and inpenetrable.

"From the 'Seven Mile Hole,' a nasty morass which marks the limit of exploration to the nervous tourist from the coast, who occasionally wanders in direction, to the dark palmetto-bordered banks of Lake Okeechobee, the explorer is constantly up to knees or hips in mud and water, and his horse in danger of sticking in the bog at any part of the route. Scattered through the country are clumps of bushes on higher ground, called 'islands,' because in the summer or wet season they are the only unsubmerged spots on the country's surface. These serve for camping spots.

"In the tangled wilderness that covers the surface of the swamp shaded by high palmettoes, deer, wild turkey, quail and other game are abundant, and more dangerous animals no less so. The native boys show the contempt for life by going barefoot, where both ratsnakes and moccasins abound. Wild cats are apt to drop out of overhanging branches onto one's head at inopportune moments. Alligators at the approach of hunters make off through the bushes and go sliding down the river banks into the stream. Some crocodiles are also found. The alligators make the nights hideous with their bellowing.

"Birds of all descriptions brighten the forest with gay plumage. The egret, a very rare bird famous for its plumes, is common here, but it is protected by law. Saw-fish, mullet and all intermediate sizes of fish are to be taken with the trawler line. Along the coast, adjacent to the swamp and on the peninsula between the sea and Indian River bear are numerous.

"Mr Caldwell expects to stay in this wilderness about two months before returning to his business in New York. He gave some very interesting details of Kangaroo hunting experiences in Australia, where he traveled up the Hawkesbury river, from Melbourne to Newcastle before the first railroad was built, many years ago. The kangeroo are hunted on horseback in the region of Mt. Macedon, where they are very plentiful. They travel in 15-foot jumps, distancing the swiftest horses on the level ground or uphill, but losing on a down hill run, owing to their lack of equilibrium while jumping. On a down grade the horseman can frequently get near enough to kill them with a rifle. This species of animal is being rapidly exterminated all over the country.

"In the course of his travels Mr. Caldwell has also visited Western Europe, South Africa and many parts of the United States and Canada."