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Published in the interest of the people of St. Lucie County—"Of the people, for the people, by the people."

BRYAN, the Jacksonville trust buster, lost his suit against the ice trust, but now he's after the butchers.

REMEMBER the question. "To license or not to license the saloon in St. Lucie county." Vote for the good of the people. That means a vote against the license.

A JOINT convention of bachelors and old maids has been called in one of the northern states, for the purpose of mutual work and admiration. The marriage license bureau ought to do a land office business soon afterwards.

THE TRIBUNE starts its new year under most favorable conditions. Its field is widening and and its scope of usefulness broadening. The country is growing and we will grow with it. The population is increasing and so is our subscription list.

THE school superintendent of Hernando county wants to get out an injunction against Cupid. Eight of his pretty teachers propose quitting the schoolroom to become brides, and the editor-superintendent is in a peck of trouble. The school teacher who is immune to Cupid's darts has not yet been found.

ANOTHER newspaper is on the road to its first issue. We note that "Commodore" McCord, a typo well known throughout the State, will soon start a publication in High Springs, the home of the Hornet, of "extemporaneous" fame. Mac is a good one with the pencil and will no doubt get out a lively paper. It is up to the business men of High Springs to stand by him, and the town is certainly large enough to support a good paper.

THE local institution that is furnishing good sport for the people of Fort Pierce during the summer months is the baseball club, and the games should be well patronized and everybody go down in their pockets for a quarter at each game. The expense attendant upon securing teams from a distance is considerable, and unless those who attend are willing to pay for the privilege of enjoying the national sport, baseball will have to be cut out. A game such as the East Coast clubs put up is worth a quarter of anybody's dollar.

THE advocates of the open saloon are beginning to get busy in the campaign, although apparently taking no action in the matter. The fact that the voters are receiving literature by mail from a Wall street address proves they are stirred to action. These pamphlets claim to be arguments in favor of the licensed saloon, and give the history (?) of prohibition in several states, even making the bald statement that crime is increased by abolishing the saloons. That alone is enough to condemn it with thinking man. To decrease crime, decrease the sale of intoxicants, and to do this the barroom must go.

THE Cocoa and Rockledge News of yesterday in its regular railroad article gives some advice to Fort Pierce and tell us how to deal with the railroad. That report that "is drifting about and finally lodged in the News office" to the effect that "the Florida East Coast Railway Company proposes to move on from Fort Pierce" is all bosh. The company has too much valuable property here to pull up and go chasing after another location for the division point when this is the most practical place on the line, and the citizens of Fort Pierce are too sensible to drive them to such an action. That report originated in the brain of some knocker, and we sincerely wish that when it "lodged" in the News office it had lodged for good.

DRY TOWNS PROSPEROUS.

One of the main questions before the people of St. Lucie county, and the most important issue the new county has yet faced is the whiskey problem.

Next month the voters will decide whether or not the saloon shall be licensed in our midst.

This is no doubt one of the biggest and most vital propositions that will come before the people of this section and every voter should consider seriously before casting his vote to continue the legal sale of intoxicating liquors. A vote cast "for saloons" means a vote to continue snares and pitfalls for our young men, it means a vote for the increase of crime; a vote for the increase of taxes and a vote against the best interests of the county.

It has often been said that to abolish the saloon kills a town. That's all a great mistake. It has been proven otherwise right in our own State. Live Oak has been without saloons for a long time and during the past few years made the greatest growth of any town in Florida. Gainesville has been better off for the past three years since whiskey was voted out and has made better progress towards a city. Look at the growth of Arcadia, Bartow, Lakeland—all dry town on the west coast. Daytona, on the East Coast, is a fair sample of how a town is killed by stopping the sale of whiskey. The following relative to Lake City will give some idea of how that town has been effected by prohibition:

Statistics showing the effects of prohibition in Lake City, Florida:

1—Business of all kinds has increased from 15 to 150 per cent.

2—Moral conditions very much better. Where there were nine arrests for drunkeness before, we have only one. Now our ladies can visit any part of our city without seeing or hearing any disorderly conduct, even at night. Our grand jury at the last session of our court complimented our citizens for the decrease of crime in our county. Every Christmas tide before the county went dry, was christened in bloodshed and murder. The last three not a drop of blood was shed in our city or near it.

3—Before the election that made our county a dry one it was impossible to do any improvements. We are now constructing seven miles of sewerage, own and operate our own electric light and water plant, and paving our business street with brick and flint rock, with cement sidewalks.

4—Real estate has greatly advanced in value, notwithstanding the Buckman bill and board of control has taken the university away from us.

5—We have more money deposited in our banks than was there in the history of our county before. The banks find it hard now to loan money at the old rate, and are offering it at a lower rate. The reason is that the people can get it from each other for better terms.

6—We have less real poverty-stricken people than ever before. Almost everybody happy and satisfied with our present condition. Rents have advanced from 10 to 20 per cent on residences and stores—no habitable and desirable stores or residences are vacant. One new bank, First National, capital $50,000, organized since county went dry. Other banks report little or no loss in volume of business—cannot find a single instance of decline in rent.—A. B. Jarrell, in Florida Christian Advocate.

Value of the Newspaper.

"I never took a paper that didn't pay me more than I paid for it. One time an old friend of mine started a paper way down south and sent a copy to me and I subscribed just to encourage him, and after a while it published an order to sell a lot at public auction. So I inquired about the lot and told a friend to run it up to $50. He bid off the lot at $38 and it sold in less than a month for $100, so I made $62 clear by taking that paper.

My father told me that when he was a young man he saw a notice in a paper that a school teacher was wanted away off in a distant county, and he went and got the situation, and a little girl was sent to him, and after a while she grew up sweet and beautiful and he married her. Now if he had not taken that paper what do you suppose would have become of me? I would have been some other fellow, or maybe wouldn't have been at all."—Bill Arp.

At the Hall Tonight.

The Hall and Younge Company will give a most interesting exhibition of moving pictures at the Improvement club hall tonight. They guarantee their pictures to be new, and they have never been seen on the East Coast before. They have played to crowded houses in various parts of Florida, and the newspapers speak in high terms of their performances.

ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE ORGANIZED LAST EVE

At a well attended meeting held last evening by the citizens of Fort Pierce the St. Lucie County Anti-Saloon League was organized, the object being to prepare for the wet and dry campaign.

This League is proposed to work in harmony with similar leagues which are to be organized at Sebastian, Jensen and White City, and together work to rid our fair county of the disgrace of saloons, and after the election to make the organization permanent, and oppose any effort to operate blind tigers.

T. W. Tonkies was elected president; W. J. Nesbitt, secretary; A. B. Lowry, treasurer. An executive committee was appointed, composed of A. B. Lowry, chairman; N. J. Trowell, W. E. Tylander, F. E. Wilson, R. E. Mims, Jr., A. K. Wilson, Lee Morgan, Arthur Jennings, W. J. Nesbitt and T. W. Tonkies.

A plan of campaign was mapped out, and steps will be immediately taken to go to work.

A soliciting committee composed of A. B. Lowry, W. E. Tylander, N. J. Trowell and Frank Newton was appointed, and all friends of the temperance cause are urged to see some member of the committee and help the cause.

The meeting adjourned until next Wednesday at 7:30 o'clock, to meet at the Methodist church, unless called earlier by the chairman of the executive committee.

Barnett-Floyd.

The following from the Tampa Tribune will be of interest to the many Indian River friends of Elliot W. Barnett, who is a brother of Mrs. Geo. B. Hall, of Sebastian:

Thursday evening at the home of the bride, corner of Florida and Sixth Avenues, Miss Callie May Floyd and Mr. Elliot Wilkins Barnett were married, the impressive Catholic service being performed by Father Navin. In honor of the nuptials, the entire lower floor was thrown open to the guests and lavishly decorated in white and green, chains of white chrysanthemums being arranged over head and palms and roses being placed on the piano and tables. All this was the artistic work of Mrs. Thomas Cape Welsh. To the strains of the Lohengrin wedding march, played by Mr. Arthur Fernandez on the Spanish mandolin with piano accompaniment by his wife, the bride and groom entered with their attendants, Mrs. Pacetti, the bride's sister, and Captain Brown. After the ceremony delicious fruit and pound cake and ices were served. The bride wore a pretty dress of white silk made in princess style and carried a bouquet of roses and ferns. She is beloved for her sweet Christian character and both she and her husband have many friends here. They are now visiting relatives in Starke, Fla., and on their return will be at home at the residence of the bride's mother, Florida and Sixth avenues."

St. Lucie Pineapples All Right.

The total shipment of Key West pineapples this season, now about completed, is 15,000 crates. A commission merchant told the Miami Metropolis that the fruit carried badly and on this account the financial result was not satisfactory. This he thought was due to negligence in cultivation. Unless the key growers pay more attention to their crops he thought the industry doomed to extinction. On the other hand the condition of the mainland crop is quite different. A number of cars had gone as far as California and arrived in splendid condition. The growers have got good prices and all have made money.—Times-Union.

Dissolution of Partnership.

The law firm of Clark, Parker, Hemmings & Andrews has been dissolved by mutual consent. F. L. Hemmings and James E. Andrews will continue the business under the firm name of Hemmings & Andrews. Otis R. Parker, who retires from the firm, has established an office in the St. Lucie Ice Company building and will practice his profession alone.

IS IT not about time something was overshadowing the Thaw case in New York?

Notice.

The interest of J. M. McCullers in the merchandise firm of D. C. Cox & Co., at Quay, Fla., has been purchased by F. C. Poppell. The new firm becomes responsible for all liabilities and will still do business under tne firm name of D. C. Cox & Co.

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