

FLORIDA TOPICS

Short Items from
all Sections
of the State

The orange and grape-fruit crop this season is estimated at 3,500,000 boxes.

Death carried away one of St. Augustine's best and most highly respected citizens at an early hour Saturday morning when P. F. Carcaba closed his eyes in eternal sleep.

John D. Simms, former tax collector of Pasco county, was convicted of embezzling the county funds last week at Dade City and sentenced to two years in the penitentiary.

Shipments of fish on ice from the port of Punta Gorda for the week ending Tuesday, October 17, amounted to seven carloads in bulk and 183 barrels, aggregating 204,600 pounds.

The first boats of Miami's big fishing fleet have gone to the mackerel grounds off the Florida keys. It is expected there will be not less than one hundred and fifty boats engaged in the industry.

The new inlets cut across Santa Rosa Island, which separates Pensacola Bay from the Gulf of Mexico, by the recent terrible hurricane, are gradually being filled with sand by the action of the waves and tides.

A sad accident occurred in Jacksonville Tuesday morning, when little Edna Shepherd, the two-year-old daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth Shepherd, of Riverside, fell into the lake in Riverside Park and was drowned.

An interesting debate on the subject of draining the Everglades took place at a large gathering of the Young Men's Democratic League of Jacksonville Tuesday night. The opponents of Governor Broward's scheme won.

Florida is now shipping oranges to New Mexico in carload lots. The California orange groves are much nearer, but the New Mexico people want quality in their fruit and the California oranges can't stand comparison with those from Florida.

More hay is being harvested about DeLand this fall than for any previous year, and it is just as good hay as shipped from the West, and for which one must pay \$20 per ton. This making hay at home saves the farmer and grover many a dollar.—DeLand Record.

A mixed carload of cattle and hogs was brought to the city from near Kissimmee Monday morning by C. H. Raulerson, who drove the cattle forty miles through the glades, which he found very dry on the northern side, it being difficult to find water for the cattle.—Miami Record.

If you have ever encountered anything pleasanter and more suited to soothe human woes than Florida weather in October, let it be known at once. Florida October weather now stands without a rival in the list of blessings, and if there is anything else in nature half so good the people ought to know it.—Tampa Times.

Half a dozen Seminole bucks from the Everglades made their appearance in the city last night, all dressed in their gaudy costumes of white skirts, trimmed in red, black, yellow and green. The only difference noticed in their fall dress was that the skirts were made one-quarter of an inch longer than their summer costumes.—Miami Record.

The dredge Wimbee, working from the north end of the cut between the Matanzas and Halifax rivers, was destroyed by fire Saturday, 13th entailing a loss of some \$30,000 on its owners, the East Coast Canal and Transportation Company, and delaying the finishing of the cut between the two rivers for several months, in all probability.

Benjamin Putnam Calhoun, State Attorney for the eighth Judicial circuit, died last Saturday, at his home in Palatka, of pneumonia and Brights disease. He was one of the leading lawyers of Florida and was a grandson of John C. Calhoun, the great statesman so well known throughout the country. He was born in New York City about fifty years ago, but came to Florida when an infant, and has since made his home in St. Augustine and Palatka.

After hearing arguments from counsel for the city of Tampa and attorneys representing seventy saloon proprietors of that city, involving the legality of the council's increase of saloon licenses from \$250 to \$500, Judge Wall Tuesday ruled that the council had the right to increase the license. On the question raised by the attorneys for the saloon men that the increase was "unreasonable and prohibitive," Judge Wall refused to hear testimony. Counsel for the saloon men excepted to the latter ruling, and gave notice of an appeal to the Supreme Court, which is expected to render a decision within thirty days.

Oranges are now leaving the State at the rate of fifty car loads per day.

A peat fuel company has been organized in Jacksonville, with a capital of \$50,000. The plant will manufacture 50 tons per day.

In nearly every instance in which passenger rates have been reduced by the railroads, receipts from the traffic have largely increased.

It is said that one of the Miami hotels already has over three hundred prospective guests booked for opening day on November 15.

B. Fitzpatrick, of Homestead on the East Coast, planted cucumbers Sept. 5th., and six weeks thereafter picked from the vines a cucumber weighing two pounds.

Engineers of the Key West extension of the Florida East Coast railway report that of the thirteen concrete piers that were completed, not one received the least injury, proving that they will be able to stand the fiercest storm that could rage even on the keys.

A. J. Keen, a convict guard, whipped a sick negro to death one day last week at a convict camp near Fernandina. The coronor's jury found in their verdict that the darkey "died from exhaustion caused by the same." Mr. Keen then "skiddooed" and is still "23."—Lake City Index.

While the enthusiastic sportsmen are cleaning up their guns, getting ammunition together and making all necessary arrangements to proceed to the woods on the morning of November 1, the little quail run merrily around on the outskirts of the towns little dreaming of the danger that so rapidly approaches them.

Because Abe Henderson borrowed \$1 from him last Saturday and refused to pay it back Monday, upon demand, Charles Jones secured a double-barreled shotgun and fired a load of birdshot into Henderson's heart, killing him instantly. The tragedy occurred Monday afternoon at J. F. Broward's turpentine farm on Trout creek about six miles from Jacksonville.

At least two railroad corporations—the Atlantic Coast Line and L. & N.—are not opposing the amendment. And for the life of us we cannot see why any railroad company should oppose it, as they have everything to gain and nothing to lose by its adoption. The people are the ones who will lose by the adoption of the amendment.—Gainesville Sun.

The growth of sentiment in favor of striking down the whisky traffic is hardly short of remarkable. People everywhere are awakening to the enormity of the saloon's evil influence, and they are more and more beginning to look upon the countenancing, much less the licensing, of a business to debauch the citizenship of the state and nation as a most inexcusable lapse on the part of the legislative department.—Bradford County Telegraph.

Officers Hardin, Logan and Marshall went up to Carters Wednesday in an endeavor to catch one Robert Holter, wanted for the murder of another negro named Rufus, whom he killed in a quarrel over a crap game. Rufus attacked Holter with a razor and slashed him about the face, but turned and ran when Holter drew his revolver and shot his opponent twice, inflicting wounds from which he died Wednesday evening. Holter took to the swamps, and having several hours start on the officers, made good his escape, and is still at large.—Lakeland News.

A writ of mandamus, State of Florida ex rel, Mathers & Strickland vs. M. R. Kellum, tax collector of the city of Miami, was issued Thursday out of the county clerk's office upon order of Judge Minor S. Jones. The writ commands the said M. R. Kellum to accept from the said Mathers & Strickland the sum of \$250, together with a clerk's fee of 25 cents and issue therefor a license to do a retail liquor business within the corporate limits of the city of Miami, or appear before Judge Jones next week and show cause why said license was not issued. The above matter grows out of the refusal of the city license collector to issue a license to Mathers & Strickland to do a retail liquor business at the corner of avenue D and 4th street, on the grounds that the location was outside the liquor limits as prescribed by city ordinance. The mandamus does not mean that the city limit law has been declared unconstitutional, but in the event the collector refuses to issue the license as demanded, that the matter will come up for a constitutional test and decision at law.

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Socialists Organize.

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the working class and small business interests. He therefore adopts the Socialist platform of government ownership of all public utilities. Mr. Hearst no doubt believes it would be best for the interests of the country, but there is this difference: his government ownership would be by his party; the Socialist government ownership would be by all the people. Mr. Hearst may be in accord with nearly all that Socialism stands for; but there is one thing he does not agree with, and that is the imperative mandate. That is significant. The bosses must be allowed full liberty. If that is the best to be expected from the old parties (and it is) may God give us Socialism entire.

The question will naturally occur: What do Socialists propose to do with the vast profits of the trusts as they accumulate? First, the prices of goods will be greatly reduced for the benefit of the public; then a sufficient sum retained by the government to pay expenses and repair machinery. The balance and by far the largest proportion called the social product will be paid the workers in each industry as wages. The United States Labor Commissioner made an estimate that the average product of all workers amounted to \$2500 or \$3000 per annum, factory prices, for each man, woman and child. The social product the workers would receive would then amount to three or four times the wages now received. The goods might be sold at a slight figure above cost to meet contingencies. Leading Socialists maintain that the bureau's figures could be improved upon, or at least be reached by an eight hour day; and that as experience and improved machinery advanced, the workers' day could soon be reduced to six hours or less, so that time for culture and amusement could be had—with public entertainments, libraries, gymnasiums, libraries, public baths for health, hospitals, medical attendance, etc., free—not as a charity but as paid for by the work of the people.

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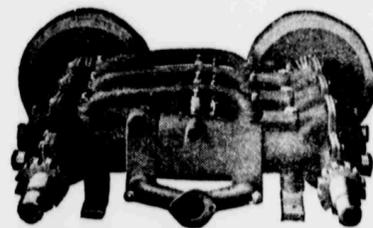
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