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ENCROACHING PROHIBITION.

The enactment and enforcement of prohibition in Georgia contains a lesson to the liquor element everywhere that might be studied to profit. The fact is that ninety per cent. of the area of Georgia was "dry." But the trouble was that men in the "wet" counties sold and shipped whiskey to "dry" counties. The people in those counties could not be practically "dry," though nominally so. There was too much consumption of liquor and consequent drunkenness in the "dry" counties. To remedy that sort of thing the temperance people of the State—a majority of five to one—resolved to make the whole State dry so as to further hinder the sale and drinking of liquor.

This feature of the case might be taken into consideration by the liquor element and the liberal citizens of Florida. A majority of the counties of this State have voted themselves "dry," but the facilities for the sale of liquor into them in some cases are only reduced by so much as the distance to the nearest liquor dealer. If there was an enforced law forbidding the sale or transportation of liquor into "dry" counties the question of State-wide prohibition would disappear for a long time. The people of the counties that are now "dry" do not essentially care to force the same law on Hillsboro or Duval or any other county than their own. But they do want their own counties to be really and actually "dry." This cannot be the case so long as liquor can be and is shipped into them at will.

Right here is the justification of the temperance people of Georgia and any other State. They find their measures for the protection of their homes rendered of no avail by a deficiency in the counties to do what is forbidden to people of the county. In order to protect their own people from the use of liquor they must extend the zone of prohibition. Georgia has enacted state prohibition. Hoke Smith has signed the bill and he will see that the law is enforced. If the question becomes an issue in Florida in the next two years there will be so many prohibitionists elected to the legislature as to duplicate the Georgia situation in this State. If the liquor element is wise it will take heed and cease to advertise their goods and insist on selling into "dry" counties, and will let those counties which wish to be "dry" be ready so.—Tampa Times.

NEXT Tuesday the editor of THE TRIBUNE, accompanied by his wife and two children, will leave Fort Pierce for a vacation of two or three weeks in the mountains of North Carolina. This will be the first vacation that the editor has had in about nine years, and is made necessary at this time on account of threatened nervous ailments which the quietude of the mountains promises to overcome. During our vacation THE TRIBUNE will be in charge of Mr. D. H. Conkling, ably assisted by W. H. Hardesty, and the Misses Mattie Saxon and Florence Brewer, who, we believe, will be able to keep the paper up to its usual standard, if they do not actually improve it. We trust that our friends will render such assistance as they may, by sending into the office all items of local interest, as well as continuing their liberal patronage of the job department. Our vacation will be spent at Mill Springs, N. C., and we will be constantly in touch with THE TRIBUNE office, both by mail and wire.

THE editor of the Jacksonville Floridian in commenting on the new law adopted in Georgia, prohibiting the manufacture or sale of all alcoholic beverages within the State, says: "The editor of this paper has already joined the buttermilk brigade and is fortifying for the prohibition fight we believe inevitable two years hence. With only about six of the forty-six counties of Florida in the wet column, the outcome is plain. It will be a five to one bet on prohibition in Florida whenever brought to a vote in the legislature."

WALTON.

As usual "Damon and Pythias" passed the Sabbath together.

Misses Sligh and Waters had a pleasant drive to Jensen the 28th.

Who was it, that was invited to come down on Sunday, eat mangos and go to the beach?

Edward Le Tourneau, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. LeTourneau, of Edenwood, was in town on Sunday.

Mrs. L. J. Sawyer and daughter, Miss Ethel "broke bread" with Mr and Mrs. F. R. Horton at Fort Pierce the 25th.

Quite a coterie of guests enjoyed the delights of tennis at Woodcote court on Tuesday.

Mrs. C. S. Schuyler and little Miss Helen with Miss Arnold, all of Jensen, were in town Saturday.

Miss England and Miss Sawyer were calling on Mrs. Garrison at Waveland the latter part of the week.

Mesdames J. H. Andrews and E. J. Luce represented Walton at the function tendered by Mrs. John Miller of Eden last week.

Arthur Saeger, of Saeger Brothers, Ankona, was in town both for pleasure and business on Monday. Having not been very neighborly of late his presence was the more noticable.

Walton Inn is approaching completion and in the near future will be opened for patronage. Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Schuyler now of Jensen, will assume the responsibility of catering to the wants of the public, which assures the same, that its comfort and pleasure will be well looked after.

Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Jennings and Miss England attended the Bridge party given by Mrs. G. A. Saeger, of Ankona, the 24th. Delicious refreshments were served, ice cream on half shell cantalopes was one of the unique features menu. The affair was quite swell in its appointments therefore thoroughly enjoyed by the participants.

Wednesday afternoon Mrs. James Thomas Waters, Mrs. Harry Jennings, Russell Waters, Lane Jennings and the Misses Isabel Jennings and Thomasine Waters enjoyed a carriage ride to Jensen, calling upon Dr. McClinton, (which was not so enjoyable) as the day was fine and nature at its best, the whole party would like a duplicate outing of the same sort.

Mrs. J. T. Waters has been a great sufferer during the past week having been afflicted with blood poisoning in the left hand, which member, also arm, has been swollen far beyond its normal size, and intensely painful. Under the efficient ministrations of Dr. N. McClinton, of Jensen, she is gaining each day and will soon be able to resume her usual place in the family circle.

A white flag, indicating distress, was discerned near the eastern shore of Indian River Sunday afternoon. A rescuing party headed by J. T. Waters went to the assistance of the supposed wreck, finding three persons, a man, boy and child. The engine of their craft had "skiddooed," if such a thing is permissable on the water, leaving them at the tender mercy of the wind and wave with darkness rapidly approaching. The disabled water vehicle with its load of living freight was taken in tow by the Mizpah and piloted to its destination. Never were seen happier faces or hearts more full of thankfulness than the rescued carried.

EDEN.

Miss Una Miller is teaching a school over in the interior.

Louis Howard is a pleasant and frequent caller in this burg.

Russell Waters was a welcome visitor at Edenwood last Sunday.

Masters Ralph and Edward Richards spent last Sunday here visiting their uncle S. F. Webb.

The Congregational church has extended a call to Rev. George B. Waldron to serve the church for the coming year.

Mrs. H. W. Richards reached Newark, N. J. after a very pleasant trip by water and is enjoying her stay very much.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Cureton, who have made their home here for five years, left this week for Center Hill, to go into the poultry business.

Misses Reba LeTourneau and Beatrice Richards were the guests at a pleasant birthday party given by Mrs. C. S. Schuyler for her daughter Mabel.

Our people have all enjoyed meeting Mrs. Cureton, Jr., who has been visiting here. She is a Spanish lady of culture and refinement whom Mr. Cureton met and married in Cuba.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. LeTourneau made a starlight trip to the Gilberts Bar Yacht Club house last Tuesday night in search of some belated excursionists, who of course passed them on the way and they had a lost journey, but a pleasant and speedy one.

Mrs. John Miller and Miss Maud left on Wednesday's morning train for New Smyrna, Gainesville and other points for a change of air and to visit Rev. H. H. Jones and family at New Smyrna, and the Misses Miller, who are attending school at Gainesville.

Did the oldest inhabitant or any other old freak ever see two weeks of steady west wind in July. We have not had a puff of east wind in almost two weeks the west wind has been brisk and steady but it is west and hot. The thermometer has been in the nineties every day, but the nights have been cool. This is the time of year when we all plan towers for sleeping rooms, but somehow we don't build them when it's hot and don't need them when it gets cooler. We are hoping for a change of weather soon

It does not do to make mistakes in writing for the TRIBUNE. This correspondent spoke of alligator pears, when mangoes were the fruit that should have been mentioned. All the week orders have been coming in for alligator pears and they are scarce as hens teeth and will not be ripe for a month.

Mrs. John Miller gave a very delightful tea Friday afternoon for her sister, Mrs. George Saunders, and her neice, Mrs. Charles Campbell. It was in the nature of a farewell for Mrs. Campbell who left this week for Panama, and her many friends here were glad to have the opportunity of meeting her again before she left for her long journey. The rain prevented a number from attending, but there were eighteen ladies present and all enjoyed a pleasant afternoon. Mrs. Miller presented each lady present with a Japanese fan.

ELDRED

Will L. Frantz is spending a few days at Boynton this week.

Mr. Kimble, of Stuart, was here Monday to see H. S. Thomas on business.

Miss Elma Geiger came over from White City and spent Saturday and Sunday with friends here.

G. C. Eldred will move soon to the house at White City station, formerly the property of A. B. Eldred.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis had as their guests over Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Wright and daughter, of Viking.

The tasteful monument erected to the memory of Harvey Jeakins by the Woodmen of the World, was unveiled here Sunday, with appropriate ceremonies.

Olaf Oleson and family, of White City, left Thursday for Jacksonville. From thence they go to Chicago, where they will reside. Mr. and Mrs. Oleson have many friends here who regret to see them go.

Now that our Eden friends have found that the mosquito is edible, we begin to see a glimmer of hope. There being no game laws touching these things, other food scarce and the Indian river appetite proverbial, we look to see a perceptible decrease in their numbers in a very short time.

Legislature Plays Havoc.

The following lines of business never taxed before by the legislature, will have to pay after October 1st amounts as follows: Person practicing hypnotism, $100; ferries, $100; raval stores corporations, $400; street shows, carnivals, tent shows, etc., $5 per day; messenger service in cities over 10,000 inhabitants, $50; cotton seed oil mills, $100; bottling works, $30; undertakers, $75; mental healers, $200; dealers in oleomargarine, $20, architect, $25; dealers in deadly weapons $50, was $10 heretofore; water companies, $150, was $10 before; loan offices, $200, was $100 before; railroad lunch rooms, $50, was $15 before; fortune tellers, $100, was $25 before; temporary auctioners (people given privilege to sell by regular auctioneers,) $1,000. The regular auctioneers pay $25. In addition to this State tax must be added the county and city tax. And yet there are some "awful" people in the State of Florida who say that the last legislature did nothing. When they come to pay the increased tax they will probably wish the last legislature had "never been borned."

Progress Among the Socialists.

A Socialist Local was organized at Fort Pierce July 24, 1907, by E. P. Fripp of the White City Local.

A Socialist Local was organized at Sebastian July 27th. Organizer N. C. Jorgensen of the White City Local.

The work progresses. By the way, a friend entertained the readers of the News, not long since, with the information that White City was not the hot bed of socialism it was supposed to be, and in proof gave figures showing that the actual number of voters was only 8 or 10. The estimates were about correct, but we invite the attention of the readers to the fact that the numbers now having the right of the franchise number eighteen.

Where there are only a few socialists, there is a hot bed, for they nurture seeds of truth which are fed by principles of a living fire—they grow and multiply.

E. P. F.

To the Orange Growers of Florida.

The first meeting of the Stockholders of the Florida Orange Growers Company, will be held in Plant City at 9 a. m., August 7th, for the purpose of completing the organization, electing officers and completing and perfecting all plans for this year's work.

Every grower who owns a grove in Florida is vitally interested and is urged to be present and become a stockholder.

Those who cannot attend may send their subscriptions for stock ($10) per share, to Mr. S. E. Anderson, Auburndale, Florida.

JOSIAH VARN, Pres. pro tem.
Bradentown, Florida.

A SURPRISE in the newspaper field is the announcement that Fort Meade, which has heretofore been without a newspaper, will have two newspapers, both to start during September. The Lakeland News in commenting on the subject said: "Two newspapers at Fort Meade is a joke, and it probably won't be long until one or both will see the humor of the situation, and turn some little toelets to the daisies." The newspaper business is not a joke, as many proprietors of Florida newspapers can testify, and in many instances where the proprietors are practical printers they could do better working for wages, but capital invested cannot be abandoned.

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