FLORIDA TOPICS

Short Items from all Sections of the State

A lodge of Odd Fellows was recently organized at Delray.

There is talk of an electric railroad between Orlando and Sanford.

A state bank with a capital stock of $50,000 is being organized in Fernandina.

The cultivation of tobacco in West Florida is a more important industry every year.

Senator Stephen R. Mallory is a candidate for re-election to the United States Senate.

The farmers of West Florida have organized a union for their mutual benefit and protection.

The telegraphers at Jacksonville and Miami, obeying the orders of the union, walked out Monday afternoon and joined the strikers.

The board of county commissioners of Putnam county has called a wet and dry election the date set being Monday, September 30th.

A. K. Taylor, the celebrated cartoonist who made the Jacksonville Metropolis so popular some years ago, is now cartoonist for the Tampa Daily Times.

Marion county will probably be the scene of the next wet or dry election in Florida, as the temperance people of that county are taking steps to have an election called.

The town of Ormond has contracted for thirteen carloads of marl, 260 cubic yards, of Daytona parties to use on the avenue at the hotel, running from the bridge to the beach.

A number of civil engineers and others who have been engaged in clerical work on the extension are getting away to other sections of the country in search of employment.

Twelve months on the chain gang, was the sentence recently handed two keepers of blind tigers in Polk county by Judge Preston, of Bartow. A few sentences like this will do much toward putting an end to blind tigers.

David McGibray, about 45 years of age, en route from Miami to his home, near Boston, Mass., either fell or leaped from a third story window in his room at the Windsor Hotel at Jacksonville last Saturday morning about 6:30 o'clock and died from internal injuries about one hour afterward.

Work on the new harbor at Melbourne is nearly completed. The wide awake citizens of Melbourne deserve many compliments in furnishing the townspeople with a good, safe harbor for their boats, also for being among the first places to provide harbor and dock privileges for the large number of launches and other crafts which will pass through the "great inland water-way" from St. Augustine to Miami.

It is reported that the government will act favorably on Gov. Broward's request that the St. Francis barracks building in St. Augustine be turned over to the State authorities for use as an arsenal. If these reports are correct all of the State military supplies will be shipped there from Tallahassee and stored in the old monastery building at the barracks. The building in question is admirably suited for such a purpose.

The news that Thomas H. Wallis is dead will be learned with profound sorrow all over the State. His death occurred at 10 o'clock Sunday morning at Gainesville. He was taken desperately ill on Friday at High Springs with appendicitis and his condition became so alarming that he was taken to the Odd Fellows' sanitarium at Gainesville. An operation was performed, but he only survived a short time thereafter. Mr. Wallis had lived in Ocala for nearly fifteen years, and was one of the best known traveling men in the State.

Hereafter every saloon in Pensacola will close its doors each night at 11 o'clock, and a request will be made by the city council that the district in which saloons can be operated be restricted to what is known as the "fire district" and the license increased to $500 for each saloon. The restrictions thus made by the saloon men, it is believed, is being done to offset the prohibition movement, which has been started there. The prohibitionists have started out their petitions requesting the county commissioners to call a special election to decide the wet or dry proposition in that county, and state that they received a number of signatures. Nearly 1,000 qualified voters out of a total of about 4,000 must sign the petition before the commissioners can call a special election. The saloon men have gotten together and organized and will make a hard fight against the prohibition movement.

Work along the line of extension between here and Long Key is still being pushed as rapidly as possible and there is no probability of a let up. The most of the work is between the central supply station and Long Key, about one thousand men being employed.

A good cargo of freight ... Miami by the steamer Miami on her last trip. The bulk of the freight consists of house furnishings and is consigned to Havana. Since the Spanish American war the American trade in furniture has been in great demand in Cuba and each week large quantities are sent to the island.

One of the busy organizations on the East Coast is the Daytona Board of Trade. At their last meeting William Jackson gave a very interesting address on the history of Daytona. Mr. Jackson, being among the early settlers, was able to trace the growth of the Fountain City from a wilderness to one of the most attractive winter and summer resorts in the State.

The votes cast last Saturday in the election held in the special tax school district at West Palm Beach were canvassed with the following result: G. L. Metcalf received 79 votes, G. L. Branning received 74, H. C. Hood received 70. Those gentlemen were duly declared elected as trustees of the district to succeed themselves. The millage in the same district was fixed at 3 mills.

Messrs. C. E. McMullen and C. V. Smith went over to Sarasota Sunday and spent Monday in putting up the press in the office of the Times, sold to that paper by the News. They did a fine job of installation, getting the press into perfect working order, and were well pleased with their trip, with the exception of the mosquito feature. At Sarasota this bird attains very large proportions and great ferocity. Mr. McMullen brought a specimen home with him as baggage and was exhibiting it on the streets. He and Mr. Smith and the town marshal succeeded in separating it from its drove and got it in a corner and clubbed it to death.—Lakeland News.

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Then pays men to follow trail.
Give the tacit right to drinkers;
Says, "Go buy it: drink your fill;
Go imbibe the demon spirit—
But be self-controlled and still!"
You may drink, but don't get frantic;
I have laws to suit the case;
And my law for good deportment
Hits your license in the face.

—North Dakota Record.

The State's Finances.

The monthly report of Hon. W. V. Knott, State treasurer, filed with the governor, shows balances in the treasury to the credit of several state and educational funds at the close of business July 31, 1907, as follows:

General revenue fund	$ 19,768.93
One mill school tax fund	74,183.11
Pention tax fund	322,907.28
State board of health fund	94,973.61
Principal of school fund (uninvested)	3,321.94
Interest on school fund	17,492.19
Principal of seminary fund (uninvested)	194.50
Hire of state convict fund	85,572.24
Indian War claims fund	25,000.00
Drainage tax fund	4,380.50
Agricultural college fund	2,518.20
White college, Morrill fund	15,045.35
Hatch experiment station fd	3,697.12
Adams experiment station fd	2,736.56
Interest of seminary fund	1,938.40
Proceeds of college property fund	4.25
Colored normal school contingent fund	1.64
Florida Female college incidental fund	1,025.05
Experiment station incidental fund	115.96
University incidental fund	571.26
Blind, deaf and dumb incidental fund	82.82
Total	$691,225.26

Her Secret.

"Did you marry me for my money or my good looks?"

"If your mirror won't answer that question for you I shan't."—Houston Post.

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