

# FLORIDA TOPICS

Short Items from all Sections of the State

The tax millage of West Palm Beach will be 15 mills this year.

The county commissioners of Dade county have issued a call for a wet and dry election to be held October 15.

J. G. Kellum, secretary of the State Board of Control, has been appointed secretary and auditor of the Florida Female College to succeed Fred W. Kettle.

Mrs. Helen Willmans Post, the great mental healer who has been before the federal courts for several years, died at her home in Seabreeze last Saturday. Her husband, Col. C. C. Post, died about two months ago. Her theory that life can be indefinitely prolonged by mental science seemed to have suffered a serious set-back.

Sheriff Frohock, of Dade county, last Friday, found in the mattress in the cell occupied by W. M. Mears, the murderer, seven steel saws, a file and several knives. They are supposed to have been brought to him by his wife or brother. An investigation is being made.

Avocados are now being brought into the city in wagon loads and each store and fruit stand is well supplied with the fruit. This year's crop is below the average, but the fruit is of finer size and quality than that of previous seasons. Many of the people are paying fancy prices for the seeds with a view to planting in the future. -Miami Record.

The Florida division of the United Confederate Veterans will hold its annual convention and reunion at Pensacola, October 23d and 24th. The rate of fare on the railroads has been arranged for at 1 cent per mile each way. That will be a long distance for the veterans in southern and eastern sections of the State to travel.

Florida never saw a nicer orange crop at this stage than now hangs on the trees. The fruit is smooth and clean and promising in quality beyond all precedent. The yield will be small, but the prices will be good. It may be the dry rainy season is not altogether an evil, the more especially as complaints of splitting are not yet heard.

An exchange says: "Small men with small purposes do not help to make a town lively and progressive. The man who never contributes to public enterprises or voluntarily assists in supporting any of the public enterprises is not worth coaxing to remain in town, and should he decide to move out, it is always a matter of congratulation. It's units and not ciphers that count for something. Be a unit."

The action of Comptroller Croon in refusing to issue warrants for the payment of any appropriations for other than immediate current expenses of the State, has stopped the proposed erection of the new buildings at the Tallahassee and Gainesville schools, the payment of the money to the trustees of Palmer College and a great many other things, and the only relief lies in a special session of the legislature, which well-informed people say is imminent. -DeFuniak Springs.

The wet and dry election has been called in Dade county for October 15th, and the temperance advocates are sanguine of success in the election, and fully believe that King Alcohol will be driven out of the county on election day. The day of State prohibition is fast approaching, and should the three counties that will hold elections within the next sixty days, carry for the cause of temperance, there will remain but five wet counties, three of which will probably join the majority before the close of the present year. If the temperance men and women of Dade county go to work as they should their cause will not suffer defeat at the polls.

The President has appointed William B. Sheppard United States district judge for the northern district of Florida. Mr. Sheppard is a native Floridian. He was born in Bristol, Liberty county, on October 4, 1860, and for a long time practiced law in Apalachicola. He is a successful lawyer and prominent in political life as well. President Harrison appointed him collector of customs of the port of Apalachicola Oct. 31, 1889, and he served four years under that administration. In 1897 he was again appointed to the important position by President McKinley. Col. Sheppard is a member of the Knights of Pythias and grand dictator of the State of the Knights of Honor. He was district attorney for the northern district at the time of Judge Swayne's death, which position he was still filling when appointed to the judgeship.

Fort Meade now has an up to date telephone system.

Tampa is enforcing the law prohibiting the sale of cocaine. A fine of \$100 was imposed on a druggist convicted of violating the law in the premises.

It is reported by some orange growers at Anuradale, DeSoto county, that the white fly is making its appearance in some of the groves for the first time in several years.

The foreign shipments from the port of Fernandina for the month were as follows: Phosphate, 20,877 tons, value, \$208,770. Rosin, 55,955 barrels, value, \$292,872. Turpentine, 827,709 gallons, value, \$484,351. Lumber, 1,834,788 feet, value, \$115,861.

Hon. W. L. Blanton, the new mayor of Perry, has vetoed the dispensary ordinance recently enacted by that town. As two of the five members of the council are prohibition men and the law requires a two-third vote to pass over the mayor's veto, it appears as if the high-handed scheme to force a booze joint on these people will fail.

An extra early tomato crop will be a feature of this season if no bad weather sets in to force the plants backward. Several farmers in the nearby trucking districts have already planted seed beds and although it is a month or more ahead of the usual planting time, they are expecting good results. -Miami Record.

Cigars shipped from Tampa for the week ending August 24, amounted to 4,555,000. Cigars shipped prior to last week amounted to 174,100,000. Total shipments for the current year amount to 178,655,000. Shipments for the corresponding period of last year were 158,945,000. Increase for 1907 over 1906 is 19,710,000.

The fire on the peninsula last week is said to have destroyed about \$25,000 worth of standing timber. It raged fiercely for several days and help was called for from Seabreeze and Daytona Beach to arrest its progress. It looks as though there was criminal carelessness somewhere in allowing this fire to get beyond control. -Daytona Gazette-News.

The first hanging in eighteen years took place at Brooksville, Hernando county, last Friday when four negroes paid the extreme penalty of the law for the crime of murder. The four men were swung into eternity from the same gallows. While a large crowd of people witnessed the execution, there were no disorders and the doomed men made very little demonstration on the gallows.

Charles G. Myers, a prominent insurance man of Tallahassee, was arrested last Friday on a charge of forgery in several different counts preferred by W. C. Lewis, cashier of the First National Bank. It is rumored that the forgeries reach an aggregate of between \$6000 and \$10,000. The affair has created a profound sensation. Myers was regarded as a substantial man. He lived in good style. His home is one of the handsomest in Tallahassee and his family moved in the religious and social life of Florida's capital.

J. K. McDonald, receiver of the Fort Dallas Bank, Miami, has been called to Washington by the Comptroller of the currency. The exact nature and cause of the summons is not known but it is presumed to mean that he is to appear before the comptroller on Monday, at which time a conference is to be held between the comptroller and J. A. McDonald and E. B. Douglas, the committee representing the depositors of the Fort Dallas National Bank, who went there for the purpose of securing a release of the government receivership and a transfer of the accounts of the suspended institution to the Biscayne Bank & Trust Co. for liquidation.

Sheriff Perry and Deputy Sabate arrested George Jones, a negro suspect Sunday at Elkton and brought him here, locking him up in the county jail. Jones was suspected of being the assailant of Mrs. D. M. Walters, wife of a section foreman near Eau Gallie. He answers the description in detail, the tooth being missing and the head creased as in the description. The negro was unarmed when arrested. He had been working at Wilson's turpentine camp since last Monday and it was learned that his feet were badly swollen upon his arrival at the camp as if he had been walking for a long time. The officers do not believe that Jones is the guilty man, but they will hold him until all doubt is dissipated. -St. Augustine Record.

## LEGAL NOTICES

### NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATOR FOR FINAL DISCHARGE.

IN COURT OF COUNTY JUDGE, STATE OF FLORIDA.  
In re Estate of St. Lucie County  
H. T. Gifford, Administrator.  
Notice is hereby given that I, H. T. Gifford, Administrator of the Estate of H. T. Gifford, deceased, and that at the same time I will present to said Court my final accounts as Administrator of said estate, and ask for their approval.  
Dated April 1, A. D. 1907.  
F. CHARLES GIFFORD, Administrator.

### NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, LAND OFFICE AT GAINESVILLE, FLA.  
August 3, 1907.  
Notice is hereby given that William Anderson, of Vero, Fla., has filed notice of his intention to make final five year proof in support of his claim, viz: Homestead Entry No. 31063, made June 25, 1902, for the Lots 3 and 6, Section 1, Township 1 S., Range 40 E., and said proof will be made before the Clerk of the Circuit Court at Fort Pierce, Fla., on September 11, 1907.  
He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of the land, viz:  
F. Charles Gifford, of Vero, Fla.; J. S. Anderson, of Vero, Fla.; J. C. Whitely, of Vero, Fla.; G. W. Smith, of Vero, Fla.  
HENRY S. CHURCH, Register.

### NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, LAND OFFICE AT GAINESVILLE, FLA.  
August 19, 1907.  
Notice is hereby given that Joseph W. Smith, of Gifford, Fla., has filed notice of his intention to make final five year proof in support of his claim, viz: Homestead Entry No. 31054, made June 18, 1902, for the N. 1/2 of S.W. 1/4 and N. 1/2 of S.E. 1/4, Section 22, Township 22 S., Range 29 E., and that said proof will be made before the Clerk of the Circuit Court at Fort Pierce, Fla., on September 28, 1907.  
He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of the land, viz:  
Walter Hols, of Gifford, Fla.; W. S. Browning, of Gifford, Fla.; J. T. Gray, of Gifford, Fla.; E. C. Walker, of Quas, Vero, Fla.  
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