FAT 'POSSUM FEAST FOR GOV. GILCHRIST

GIVEN AT THE HOTEL LEON BY MISS HAMPTON.

Beautiful Place Cards With Pen and Ink Sketch for Each Guest Present.

TALLAHASSEE, Feb. 25.—In one way the citizens of Florida have the advantage of the citizens of Georgia, in that when they are bidden to 'possum supper here they are able to eat with appetites unimpaired by the harrowing recollection that each plateful consumed costs them the price of their winter's supply of wood.

At the Leon Hotel, Saturday evening, Governor Gilchrist was tendered a "'possum supper" by Miss Clem Hampton. Miss Hampton had been kindly remembered by Mr. D. W. G. Scarborough of Chattahoochee in a gift of the popular animals, and the Leon chef, by courtesy of Mr. Eugene Liday, manager of the hotel, did his best towards presenting them in a dish toothsome enough to be "set before a king." The deliciously cooked and exquisitely served seven-course dinner was a mere incidental, "'possum and taters" was the dish for which all appetites were whetted.

Place cards, decorated with a pen-and-ink sketch of the creature before he had become a sacrificial offering upon the altar of the latest fad in gastronomics, bore the following announcement:

"Our Governor from far Punta Gorda.
Who belongs to the Masonic Order,
Is invited to dinner today,
'Possum and Taters to store away."
Feb, 20, 1909.

Gov. Gilchrist, guest of honor.

The guests who were the happy participants of the feast were: Gov. Gilchrist, Messrs. J. G. Kellum, A. H. Williams, G. O. Andrews, Charles A. Cay, Mr. Allan, G. T. Whitfield, Mesdames James G. Gibbes, C. A. Cay, Genovar, Lawrence, G. T. Whitfield, Allan, W. N. Sheats, Miss Thompson and Miss Hampton.

Later in the evening the beautifully decorated drawing room was filled with guests, bidden to complete the enjoyment of the honored guest by engaging him in a game of bridge.

NEWS FROM ALL PARTS OF FLORIDA

Orlando's winter Chautauqua is now in session.

Jefferson county is to have a new court house to cost $40,000.

A new hotel second only to the Tampa Bay is now planned for Tampa.

Eleven bushels of strawberries were shipped from Starke in one afternoon last week.

Senator Duncan U. Fletcher delivered the Washington birthday address at Orlando.

Somebody in Savannah sent Gov. Gilchrist one of the nine-day prayer chain letters.

The Government is erecting an eleven-foot sea wall around Fort McRee at Pensacola.

Large shipments of oranges and grapefruit are now leaving Miami for Northern markets daily.

Gary celery growers shipped out seventy carloads this season and realized $30,000 from the crop.

The body of Capt. Andrew Martin, of the missing schooner Cleopatra, was found on the beach on Hurricane Island near Pensacola.

Hon. E. R. Gunby of Tampa was elected president of the Florida State Bar Association for 1909 at the meeting held in St. Augustine.

Chas. P. Buckley of Jacksonville, the wife murderer, is now in the convict camps at Ocala, where he has commenced serving his life sentence for his brutal crime.

The Government troops will take an active part in the Ponce de Leon celebration to be held at St. Augustine on March 31 and April 2 and 3. Great preparations are being made for the event.

An aged white woman was brutally assaulted by a negro brute near Grand Crossing, west of Jacksonville, who accomplished his fiendish purpose and made good his escape. Officers are doing all in their power to locate the brute. The neighbors of the woman are up in arms.

DIXON CHARGED WITH LARCENY.

Also Warrant Sworn Out for Malpractice in Office.

From Saturday's Daily Sun:

Robert Dixon, the young man elected to serve as constable in district No. 7, has landed in trouble, being arrested on a charge of larceny, the case having been continued until the spring term of court.

Another and more serious charge is one of malpractice in office, and the charge is brought by one of the negroes he recently arrested, whom it is alleged he took the sum of $30 from and afterwards only returned him a part of the money.

The Rape Case.

From Saturday's Daily Sun:

The hearing in the rape case which has occupied the attention of Judge Mason for two days was concluded Friday afternoon and the judge placed the bonds of the parties, the two Martin boys and Powers, at $1,000 each for their appearance at the spring term of court.

Over twenty-two witnesses were summoned in the case, but only a part of this number were examined, as the State and defense closed with witnesses to spare.

Conference on March 10th.

As a result of the visit of several of Gainesville's largest and most influential truck growers to Jacksonville the Interstate Commerce Commission have decided to have a further hearing on this subject in Washington on March 10th. The attorneys representing the interests of the growers will visit the city then.

Foley's Honey and Tar cures coughs quickly, strengthens the lungs and expels colds. Get the genuine in a yellow package. J. W. McCollum & Co.

Subscribe for The Sun and help your lady friend win the fine piano.

STANDARD OIL LOOKS LIKE WINNER OF SUIT

Under Judge Anderson's Ruling Can Only Be Fined $720,000 in Rebate Cases.

CHICAGO, Feb. 26.—From Judge Landis' fine of $29,240,000 to a possible maximum fine of $720,000 is a far cry, but that is admitted to be the meaning of a ruling made by Judge Anderson in the retrial of the Standard Oil Company of Indiana, for alleged rebating, yesterday. The ruling was informal and made for the purpose of expediting the hearing, and although the Government has the privilege of presenting further arguments, it is practically certain that there will be no change in the ruling when it is formally entered.

The decision of the court of appeals which reversed Judge Landis eliminated the view of that jurist that each carload of oil on which a rebate was accepted constituted a separate offense. There were 1,462 of these car lots the freight charges for which were paid in thirty-six different settlements. Judge Anderson interpreted the decision of the appellate court, which he said, served as his guide, to imply that these alleged rebates accepted after each of the thirty-six settlements constitute the unit of offense.

Judge Anderson's ruling was a severe blow to United States District Attorney Sims and his associates in the prosecution. He and his assistant, James H. Wilkerson, had argued that each shipment, of which there were 500, making possible a maximum fine of $10,000,000, constituted an offense. This view Judge Anderson declared he could not understand. He said that it had not been made plain what comprised a shipment—a train load, a car lot, or a gallon. He saw no reason why, if a train load or a car lot were regarded as a separate offense, the matter might not be further divided, making a hundredweight the unit, or a gallon, greatly increasing the number of offenses and magnifying the punishment. The division of alleged offenses, he said, seemed to fall naturally into thirty-six parts, or counts, each marked off by a money settlement. It was in these settlements that rebates, if any, were made and received.

Mr. Wilkerson argued that the fine which would be possible under the court's ruling would serve merely as a license to a great corporation. On this point Judge Anderson said, in effect:

"That is a consideration which has no weight with me whatever. I am not concerned with their interpretation and application. If the view that I have taken has the effect that has been stated, that is a matter for the law-makers to consider. If their laws are inadequate, let them supply a remedy."

Bonaparte's Comment.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—"Well, that's one way of construing the law," was the only comment Attorney-General Bonaparte would make when informed yesterday of District Judge Anderson's expressed intention to rule that the unit of offenses in the Standard Oil rebating cases now up for trial in Chicago would be the actual settlement of freight charges between the parties concerned.

Boy Accuses His Uncle of a Wholesale Murder

DECATUR, Ala., Feb. 26.—"Uncle Bob Clements told me that he killed the Edmondsons, and had put them in the house and would set fire to the house that night, and burn them up and he gave me 20 cents not to tell."

This was the uncontradicted evidence of Gilbert Luker, 13 years old, son of a sister of Bob Clements, the man who is now on trial here charged with the killing of a whole family.

"Uncle Bob told me," continued the boy, "the whole Edmondson family got after him, and he had to kill them or they would kill him and then his children would starve to death."

The boy said he told his mother, father and sister what his uncle had said. Rufus Lukes, father of the boy, was placed on the stand and testified to the same facts.

Other witnesses examined testified to being at the ruins after the barn was burned, and to finding parts of bodies and human bones several days afterward.

Tom Edmondson, his wife, two children and mother were murdered at Woodlawn Mills, Morgan county, on November 24, and their bodies were burned in a barn near the Edmondson home the following night.

The Sun office for calling cards.

THE BUSH & SAFFORD PIANO CONTEST

In Which a Resident of Alachua County Will be Awarded a Beautiful Howard Piano, and 18 Certificates Valued at $3,150.00 Furnished by The Bush & Safford Piano Co., Sole Representatives of The R. S. Howard Co. of Miami, the Contest to be Conducted by THE SUN in Behalf of Bush & Safford.

$3,550.00.

One $400.00 Howard Piano will be given to the person residing in the County of Alachua who receives the highest number of votes between December 15th, 1908, and 10 p. m. April 15th, 1909.

ADDITIONAL GIFTS.

In addition to the Piano there will be issued by The Bush & Safford Piano Co., on a new $400 Howard Piano, eighteen Transferable Due Bills, same to be used as a first or initial payment on a new Howard Piano. These due bills will be given in this voting contest as follows, to persons residing in Alachua County:

To the first six receiving the next to the highest vote, a due bill for each for $200.00.

To the second six receiving the next highest vote, a due bill for each for $175.00.

To the next six receiving the next highest vote, a due bill for each for $150.00.

These due bills may be used by the winners or can be disposed of to anyone for any value they may see fit, and will be worth their face value upon the purchase of one of these new pianos.

In the event of a tie for any prize offered, a prize similar in all respects thereto will be given each of those tieing.

How and Where to Get Votes.

The following merchants will give one vote for every cent paid into their establishments for goods which they handle:

The Gainesville Hardware Co.
Phifer Bros.
Hyde & Tench.

Where Votes May be Cast.

Ballot boxes will be found in the establishments of the merchants giving votes and at The Sun office. Votes sent by mail must be directed to the Voting Contest Department of The Sun, Gainesville, Florida.

Rules and Regulations.

1 The contest is open to anyone living in Alachua county who is known by the conductors of the contest or vouched for by some reputable person to them well known.

2. No employee, attachee or relative of the proprietors of the above named firms are eligible to participate in this contest and will participate in no manner.

3. In the event of a misunderstanding between candidates or others interested in this contest, such controversy may be referred to the conductors of contest, who alone are the persons qualified to render decisions.

4. In the event a candidate decides to withdraw from the race, such candidate will not be allowed to transfer votes to the credit of another candidate in the contest.

THE DAILY SUN.

	Old Subscribers.	New. Subscribers.
$1.25	400 votes	500 votes
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For a club of five (old subscribers) one-year subscriptions (before April 1, 1909) 25,000 votes.

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For a club of ten (new subscribers) six-months' subscriptions (before April 1, 1909) 30,000 votes.

There is no limit to the number of clubs each contestant may secure.

THE SEMI-WEEKLY SUN.

$1.00 ..... 400 votes
For a club of five one-year subscriptions .....4,000 votes

There is no limit to the number of clubs each contestant may secure.

Soliciting votes by candidates or friends within the stores distributing votes is undesired by the proprietors.