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The editor of the Crystal River News is right after the A. C. L. Ry. Co., because he has been deprived of his pass. We breathlessly await developments.

Polk County has had another colored lynching. Those Polk County negroes must be the worst ever, or else Polk County white folks must be very excitable.

The railroads are issuing low round trip rates to New York on account of the Homecoming of W. J. Bryan, and if left to them large crowds will welcome the distinguished American.

W. J. Bryan left Gibraltar for New York, Aug 20, and the next thing we shall report is the reception the united democracy of the United States will give him on his arrival. Among those Floridians who welcome him will be Geo. W. Wilson, of the Times-Union.

It is perhaps a little late in the season, but we feel it our duty to inform the public that a loud ticking Waterbury watch is no good as a nest egg for a setting hen. We couldn't spare our watch so tried an old clock. The hen fought it and knocked it over and then set as calmly as if nothing had happened, and—the—clock—ticked—on. We were the victim of a newspaper sell, or the dupe of some jeweller who was overstocked with cheap watches.

The Drainage Debate between Gov. Broward and Jno. S. Beard, at Pensacola, took place on the 20th. A large crowd listened, and altho the Beard argument was best, according to the Jacksonville dailies, they give the crowd credit for being with the Governor. Of course the people are for Broward, and the great dailies to the contrary notwithstanding, they will show again as they have once already at the polls, that they are not led by the newspapers as much as they once were.

If some people were more kindly disposed toward Governor Broward they would see much in his official acts to commend and little to censure. When a sheriff allows prisoners to escape twice the indications point toward inefficiency, and it is customary for the Governor to replace him by some one who can better fill the office. The sheriff may be a good and faithful man, but the prisoners are his especial charge and if for any reason he fails to keep them he falls short of his duty.

The sensation of the week has been the South American earthquake that destroyed several Chilean cities with considerable loss of life. The metropolis of Chili, Valparaiso, 150,000 inhabitants is the chief sufferer. Particulars of the disaster have been slow in coming in and altho the shock was last Friday morning we have no definite information. The loss of life was first reported at 5,000 but this has been cut down to 500 and it may be that later news will give even less. At the time of the earthquake a tidal wave which struck Hawaia, doing much damage, but with no loss of life.

THE ORANGE SITUATION.

The absorbing topic among the owners of orange groves today is, What are we going to do with our oranges? When oranges are scarce there is no such question. Buyers are eager and plentiful, but with a full crop buyers are shy and growers gloomy. This summer the market is exceedingly quiet, whether from concerted plan on the part of the buyers or from actual indifference we can only guess. Only a few buyers have been down in DeSoto to look over the crop prospects and those who came talked 75 cents per box for this year's output. The price does not suit the growers and they will not argue the question with the buyers. Now what are we going to do about it?

Our correspondent from Lily gives in this issue a plan which he thinks might relieve the situation. With one amendment we think it might succeed, and that is that instead of each man trying to market his own crop, a bright, active and up-to-the times man be chosen to go to the city market and handle the product of the growers' packing house. Unless this is done the usual result of dishonest commission men at the other end will defeat the purpose of the growers, no matter how carefully the oranges are graded and packed. There is no grower of vegetables or oranges who has tried shipping his own stuff but remembers with chagrin the handsome product that went to the city freighted with high hopes that gave returns that blasted hopes and made the owner vow he never would try it again. To such a man the buyer who pays cash on delivery at the packing house is a great relief. You know then what you are getting, and are at nobody's mercy. This is an old story and we are not talking in the buyers' interest. What we want is to protect the grower from the greed of the buyer. Shall we, as one grower vowed he would do, use his oranges to fertilize the grove before he would accept 75 cents a box for them?

Unless we can induce a change of heart in the buyers, so that they will allow the growers to share equally with them in the profits of their crops, the only hope seems in a co-operative packing house scheme which includes a man at the other end of the market who is strictly honest and will see that the Florida growers get all that's coming to them.

The murder of Henry Davis, at Baldwin last week is now believed to have been committed by J. C. Williams, his brother-in-law. Williams has been arrested, as has also Mrs. Davis, the dead man's wife, as accessory to the murder.

The space allotted to each county exhibiting at the coming State Fair at Tampa will be reserved for that county at the great Panama Exposition, which will be held in 1908, and which will be attended by hundreds and thousands. Many new buildings will, of course, have to be erected for the Exposition, in order to give Florida and other states ample room to display their resources, and no county in Florida can afford to be without representation at either the State Fair or the Panama Exposition.

Special Low Rates to New York.

On account of the Home Coming of William Jennings Bryan the Atlantic Coast Line will sell round trip tickets to New York on August 28th and 29th at rate of one fare plus \$2.25 for the round trip. Tickets limited to leave New York returning September 4th. For further information call on nearest agent or,

J. G. KIRKLAND,
Division Passenger Agent, Tampa, Fla.

Inside Information!

New York dressers are making a stampede for Blacks and Blues. This is the Blue Serge season July and August will be the great months for these two solids, the Blues and Blacks. We have the goods and they are the properest ever
* * * * * Yours truly, * * * * *

Perry C. Brown.
Arcadia, Florida.

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They invite you to call on them. They are elegantly located and are fast getting in show shape.

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