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THE man who offered Judge Call two dollars to hurry up a divorce case was not guilty of contempt of court, but unfortunate in not having horse sense.

The old reliable Clyde line has changed hands, and we wish the new management the same amount of success as has always been enjoyed by this line.

ONE might think from the way some people blow that they are really making a success of life—but most of us have heard it before, and know it is all hot air.

Now that the White House wedding is over, Washington has settled down to routine business, and official callers at the White House receive a small degree of consideration.

THE Knights of Pythias celebrated the forty-second anniversary of the founding of that order on Monday, February 19th. Florida stands high in the membership column of this benevolent organization.

A SNAKE charmer was bitten in Jacksonville a few days ago by a boa constrictor but will recover. Had it been a Florida rattler there would have been a hearse and the smell of cut flowers on the day following.

BISHOP TURNER, a colored leader wants to meet Thomas Dixon, Jr. in a joint debate on the race problem. The atmosphere would no doubt be tinged with sulphur, as both are good at original expressions of hatred.

EDWARD ALVASEL, a pardoned criminal, has been sent back to serve the balance of his life sentence, for breaking the conditions of his pardon. The leniency of the pardoning board is turning loose several of his stamp regularly.

NICK and Princess Alice are going and sighing in the balmy spring air of Florida's delightful climate. Efforts should be made to sell them a small farm and have them settle down in the Land of Flowers. May love's sunshine never be dimmed by dark clouds of disappointment.

THE grand jury in their general presentment to the court recommended that the county be bonded for the purpose of building good roads throughout the county. This is one of our most urgent needs and the tax payers of St. Lucie county could make no better investment. Let everybody give it a boost and let's have the good roads.

IN the death of John B. Stetson, which occurred in DeLand Monday, Florida loses a valuable and true friend. Stetson University, founded and supported by him will ever be a monument to his memory, but the people of Florida need no monument to remind them of the good works and kind words he has given to the State. Peace to his ashes.

THE advent of the Lenten season is the cue for a general exit to the Florida resorts, and March will be the big month in the tourist business this season. Aside from the above cause March is the best month to spend in Florida. Here the cold winds and mud, slush and general inconvenience of the first thaw are avoided, and pleasant spring greets the pleasure seeker. The wise tourist spends the month of March in Florida in preference to others.

WITH a population of 5,000,000 or 6,000,000 less than the population of the whole country in 1890, the wealth of the fourteen southern States is now greater than the wealth of the whole country in 1890. Figures, compiled by the manufacturer's record, show that the assessed property values in the south in the year just closed were \$6,648,000,000. These may be safely estimated as representing true values of \$16,620,000,000.

The beauties of Indian River have been told times innumerable in poetry and in prose, in song and in conversation, by old and young, rich and poor and great and small, but after all has been said by tongue and pen, still there will always be some new attraction awaiting description by other dainty writers and brilliant conversationalists. It is the favorite spot of the millionaire with leisure and money to spend, the sportsman with gun or rod or pleasure bent, and the refuge of all classes who desire to escape the hard winters of the old north. It is loved by the natives for associations and by the visitors for its beauty. Its climate is incomparable for pleasure and outdoor sports, and the atmosphere is peerless in its healing powers to the victims of the dreaded diseases contracted in the colder parts of our country.

At this time, however, we wish to come nearer home and call the attention of our readers to our own St. Lucie county. Lying on the eastern shore of our fair State, extending from the San Sebastian river on the north to the St. Lucie river on the south, a distance of about forty miles, and from the Atlantic ocean on the east to the western shores of the famous Lake Okechobee, approximately forty miles square, this embracing the central portion of the far-famed East Coast section.

From the extreme northern boundary to the southern line along the river front is the continuous settlement. At the mouth of the San Sebastian river lovely homes, orange groves and trace farms greet the eye, and said scenes follow one another in rapid succession, telling of the advance and improvements made by an intelligent people in what was a few short years ago a howling wilderness and the hunting ground of the savage Seminoles. A few miles below Fort Pierce, the county seat, the observer is greeted by an inspiring and happy sight, where the famous orange fields appear in all their beauty, surrounding the palatial homes of the happy planters. For miles after miles one field of the bright yellow fruit joins another of the same kind. The tourist sits in the coach and views this new scene from the window of the moving train and wonders if this is really North America, or if he is gazing on a portion of the tropics in the tropic zone.

St. Lucie county produces sixty per cent of the pineapples of the State, and her citrus fruit is the early vegetable to the markets, and while the orange industry is comparatively young, yet she manages to ship a surprising amount of the golden fruit. Within her borders on the east side of Indian River is the largest orange grove in the East Coast, and it is a veritable gold mine to the owner, situated as it is so far south, as to escape the dangerous cold spells, and as an extra precaution, with water protection on the dangerous side.

Fish of all kinds abound in the waters of the St. Lucie and Indian Rivers, and dozens of firms are engaged in packing and shipping this product of the deep, giving support to hundreds of families by the industry.

Cattle raising is by no means a small item, for on the prairies in the central and western part of the county are some of the best pasture lands in the State, and thousands of head of cattle are grazing there at all times.

Within the past five years the population has been doubled and property has advanced nearly 100 per cent in value, and it is a small estimate from the present outlook to say that the next five years will bring a like increase.

Notwithstanding the improvements that have been made there are yet hundreds of acres awaiting development by the tardy settlers, and St. Lucie county offers inducements unparalleled by other sections. Within her borders are lands suitable for a variety of semi-tropical products. The improved lands can be bought at extremely low prices by actual settlers, and the man with energy and brains will find no better spot for investing his capital, whether it be large or small. The drainage of the Everglades, which is now under way, will be the means of opening up thousands of acres more, hitherto considered worthless, but which within a short time will be worth more than the wildest imaginations of a decade ago ever pictured them.

We have, of course, like every other section, lots of poor land that is almost worthless for farming, but the prospective purchaser can easily distinguish between the good and bad, and the percentage of the bad is very small. Our lands produce a greater variety of fruit and vegetables than any other section of the country, and every year proves the statement that the East Coast is the garden spot of the world.

STATE LOTTERIES. They Were Once Very Common and Very Popular in Europe.

Lotteries were common in ancient Rome, and during the middle ages lotteries were utilized by the Italian merchants for the disposal of their goods. Some of the Italian states then adopted the lottery as a means of raising revenue, and the institution of state lotteries afterward became very common and very popular throughout Europe.

The earliest English state lottery of which there is any record was in 1568, when 4,000 chances were sold at 10 shillings each, the drawing taking place in the west door of St. Paul's cathedral.

The prizes consisted of articles of plate and the profits were employed for the repair of certain harbors. Early in the reign of queen Anne private lotteries were suppressed as public nuisances, but government lotteries, however, were still maintained, and from 1710 to 1824 considerable sums were annually raised in lotteries authorized by acts of parliament.

The average yearly profit to the government from 1710 to 1824 was over 4,000,000, on the ground of injury to public morals, lotteries of all kinds were abolished in England in 1826.—London Saturday Review.

Roses in the Snow.

It seems almost impossible that there should be a plant that flowers naturally outdoors in the depth of winter. But it is a fact. The Christmas rose answers this description. From the end of October until February its white flowers, about three inches across, may be gathered at almost any time, and the ground is covered with them. The Christmas rose is producing its perfume. We don't often see them in the open air and January because we never think of brushing off the snow to look at the plant that is growing underneath. The flowers are of a dazzling whiteness when young, but become faint, tinged with pink after about a week's country life in America.

The Preparation.

William O'Brien in his "Recollections" tells this story of Dr. Cobb, the author of "The Great Question on one of his explanations of the children for confirmation the archbishop put to a sister the question from the catechism: "What is the preparation for matrimony?" The little one hesitated and looked at the corner of her eye in the month by way of answer. The question was repeated. "Oh, sure, your reverence knows it yourself," was the final reply. "Yes, but you must tell me by what." "What is the preparation for matrimony?" "Well, my lord, a little amount of course" at last came her final answer from amid a heavy blush.

Declining a Present.

"How do you like it?" a rule not to accept presents from strangers and to decline them if they are offered by those you know. "I don't like it," said the Irishman, "but I don't want to offend my host." "I don't want to offend my host," said the Englishman, "but I don't want to accept a present."

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The Incident.

A man was once asked why he had not married. "I have not," he said, "because I have not found a woman who would marry me for my own sake."

Deafly Expressed.

The deaf man who had a deaf friend who was deaf and dumb. "I don't know what you mean," he said, "but I don't want to offend my host."

Galveston's Sea Wall.

Makes life now as safe in that city as in the better islands. E. W. Goodloe, who resides on Dutton St., in Waco, Tex., needs no sea wall for safety. He writes: "I have used Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption the past five years and it keeps me well and safe. Before that time I had a cough which for years had been growing worse. Now I am well. Cures Chronic Coughs, La Grippe, Whooping Cough and Pleurisy Pneumonia. Pleasant to take. Every bottle guaranteed at Fort Pierce drug store. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free.

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On Thursday and Friday, March 1st and 2nd, we will display our new line of Spring Goods, which are arriving daily. An assortment of goods that will please the most critical, marked at prices that will please the most economical. We earnestly invite your inspection of this handsome assortment.

Hats The most up to date line of Ready-to-Wear and Trimmed Hats. Many pretty things in Spring Flowers and Ribbons for trimming.

Dress Goods We will also show an endless variety of Dress Goods in dainty colors in Dimities, Batiste, Dotted Swiss, Chiffons and Organdies.

Laces A gorgeous display of all that is new in Laces and Embroideries at attractive prices. Every piece is a perfect beauty. Come and be convinced.

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