

# THE PALATKA NEWS

and Advertiser.

SERIES VOL. XXV. NO. 4.

PALATKA, FLA., FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1917.

\$1.00 Per Year.

"Palatka's Biggest and Best."

President Wilson May Say WAR ON GERMANY—We Positively Say CUT PRICES on CLOTHING

WE, TODAY, INAUGURATE OUR

## Semi-Annual Suit and Overcoat Sale

Any Overcoat In Our Store

# \$12.75

Any Suit In Our Store



Copyright Elmer Schaefer & Marx

43 Fancy 3-piece Suits, values from \$27.50 to \$17.00.  
56 Blue Serge 3-piece Suits, values from \$27.50 to \$17.00.  
23 Pinch-Back Suits, values from \$25.00 to \$17.00.  
53 Fancy 2-piece Suits, values from \$25.00 to \$17.00.  
38 Blue Serge 2-piece Suits, values from \$27.50 to \$17.00.  
This lot includes SLIMS, STOUTS and STUBS.

Any one of these 215 Suits for \$12.75.

These Suits will have the labels of such well-known clothing-makers as Hart, Schaffner & Marx, Kirschbaum clothes, Hickey Freeman, Style Plus, High School Clothes, recognized leaders in the clothing world. We control in Palatka THE BEST MAKERS OF CLOTHING.

Another BARGAIN \$8.75  
5 Fancy Suits

PINCH BACKS AND REGULARS.

NO Charges, No C O. D., No Alterations during this sale—CASH ONLY.

EXTRA! EXTRA!  
VOTES VOTES

0,000 VOTES ON AUTO with each \$12.75 Suit. 35,000 VOTES ON AUTO with each \$8.75 Suit. PULL FOR OUR FAVORITE.

COME EARLY AND GET THE PICK OF THE STOCK—Starts Today—Lasts 10 Days

YOU KNOW THE STORE—THE BIG STORE ON THE CORNER

## FEARNSIDE CLOTHING COMPANY

Not Connected With Any Other Store in Palatka

PHONE 91 LEMON and THIRD ST.

### The Best Medium For Disbursements

Checking Accounts offer the best possible medium by which the Business House, the Corporation or the Individual may make disbursements.

The Putnam National Bank invites Checking Accounts, large or small.

PUTNAM NATIONAL BANK  
PALATKA, FLORIDA

## PALATKA MOURNS LOSS OF PIONEER CITIZEN

In Death of Mrs. Eliza Waddell Gray, Which Occurred On 3d Inst.

Mrs. Eliza Waddell Gray since 1852 a resident of Palatka, died a little after midnight on Friday of last week. Her death was not preceded by any illness. She had been up and about her household duties all the day before and had retired feeling in her usual health. She passed peacefully away surrounded by all the members of her family living here.

The funeral was held at 3 o'clock on Sunday afternoon from the home, and the interment was in the family lot in West View cemetery. Rev. Dr. C. M. Alford pastor of the Presbyterian church officiated.

This ceremony was attended by a large number of people, but particularly noticeable was the large number of old residents. Beautiful floral tributes covered the casket and were bunched about, mute testimonials of the love and esteem in which this good woman was held by the people among whom she had lived for 65 years.

Mrs. Gray was born November 8th, 1838. At the age of 14 she came to Palatka from Columbia, S. C., and on April 2d, 1857 was united in marriage to Capt. Henry A. Gray, who preceded her to the Better Land by some 21 years. Mrs. Gray was one of the first to unite with the Presbyterian church in Palatka after its organization, and the first pastor of the church, Rev. J. M. Quarterman, officiated at her wedding.

As a bride, 60 years ago, on the arm of her young husband, Mrs. Gray entered the home from which her body was carried to the tomb last Sunday. This home was newly built and had been erected by Capt. Gray. This one house had been her home all the years of her widowhood, except for the four years of the civil war, when during her husband's absence on military duty, she resided with other Palatkans of that day at Orange Springs. This home, too, is historic. Through its upper story a shell from a Federal gun boat in front of the town went shrieking through, leaving a hole large enough to push a head. In this home also her children were born, and here for many years, since several of them have gone out to make homes for themselves, her children have come up to the third generation to spend happy hours with mother, grandmother and great grand-mother. Fortunately all of her surviving children have lived near, and "mother" never knew what it was to be lonely. Her abode was the family shrine.

There was great surprise and much sorrow in Palatka over the sudden death of Mrs. Gray. All old citizens knew her and lifted their hats with reverential regard when passing her on the streets or were otherwise in her presence. Not only her own children but Palatkans generally will rise up and call her blessed.

Mrs. Gray is survived by six children, Mrs. F. D. Ackerman, Mrs. R. C. Howell and Mrs. Wm. H. Hoyt, Harry A. Gray, postmaster, of Palatka, Edward Wurtz Gray and Judge DeWitt T. Gray of Jacksonville. The grandchildren are Mrs. Annie Gray Davis, Mrs. E. W. Elliott, Mrs. M. M. Vickers, Osborne P. Gray, Mary Gray, Nancy Eliza Gray and Henry J. Gray; and three great grand children, Mercer Gray Davis, Dorothy Anne Davis and Ola Deare Vickers.

Mrs. Gray's death was due to heart failure.

## VON ENGELKEN RESIGNS AS DIRECTOR OF MINT

A Washington dispatch on Wednesday stated that F. J. H. von Engelken, formerly of East Palatka on Tuesday resigned as director of the United States Mint.

Mr. von Engelken's resignation was tendered in order that he might accept the presidency of the Farm Loan Bank at Columbia, S. C., for which place he expects to leave to begin his duties on the 15th. It is not yet known who will succeed Mr. von Engelken as director of the mint, but dozens of applications the dispatch had already been filed for the place.

### Naval Stores Men Suffer Loss.

The intense cold of last Friday and Saturday nights resulted in serious injury to naval stores operators in this county, costing them many thousands of dollars in the breaking of cups.

Mr. Goss Mattox of Bostwick states that the rain which preceded the cold left water in the cups, which froze. This caused the cups to break. He lost a total of 65,000 cups. These cups cost three and a half cents a piece. Besides the loss of the cups would be the spilling of contents and the loss of time required to replace them.

C. E. Currie of Interlachen was also a heavy loser, 'tis said. Allen & Ganas of Huntington are reported to have lost over \$7,000 by this recent freeze. Other operators throughout the county will also be heavy losers.

## STATE WIDE FREEZE CAUSES SERIOUS LOSS, ESPECIALLY IN SOUTH FLORIDA

### TRUCKERS ALL OVER STATE WILL BE OBLIGED TO REPLANT.

### Citrus Fruit Remaining on Trees Generally Frosted—Damage to Trees Not Thought Serious Except in South Florida.

Freezing weather hit Florida last Friday night, coming in from the northwest astride a wind which amounted to a 60 mile an hour gale.

Before sunup the following morning the mercury in every part of Florida had dropped from six to 12 points below freezing.

On Saturday night, while there was an absence of wind, there was little if any rise in the temperature. The before dawn temperature throughout Florida averaged about the same as on the previous night.

The damage wrought in this State by these two nights of extreme cold can scarce be computed, but it will run into the hundreds of thousands of dollars, perhaps millions.

Of course semi-tropical South Florida suffered the greater damages. The great east coast tomato and truck fields were a total loss. One tomato planter in Dade county with 500 acres of tomatoes will have to reset the entire acreage. He is only one of hundreds.

In the East Palatka-Federal Point-Hastings potato section just east of this city, there are, as has been conservatively estimated, fully 12,000 acres planted in potatoes. Of course all this acreage has been cut to the ground. But the great part of it had only begun to show above ground; the tubers had not formed. There will have to be no replanting, except on a few acres at Federal Point, where the tubers are as large as English walnuts. Federal Point is usually from ten days to two weeks in advance of the other potato sections. This year it will be coming in about the same time, and in some instances a little later. The opinion is general among the big potato growers that very little of the acreage will have to be replanted.

Citrus fruit groves in East Palatka have been slightly injured or set back. In some instances a few trees have been put out of business. W. G. Tighman's Satsuma trees appear to be uninjured.

Perhaps Mr. Warner of the Esperanza grove is the heaviest grower of citrus fruits in this end of the county; he had fires going all through the nights and it is reported that in so doing he saved about 50 per cent of the fruit left on his trees. He had shipped fully one-half of his crop.

San Mateo groves have been damaged, but to what extent can not be determined under a week. The consensus of opinion is that the damage is not serious. Much of the fruit had been shipped.

There is comparatively little fruit grown in this part of Putnam county. The fruit section is mostly confined to the peninsular end of the county.

Crescent City in the extreme south of the peninsular, and only three or four miles from the Volusia county line, is a citrus growing section exclusively. This place has the record for being the most extensive shipper of citrus fruits in all Florida. Here probably four-fifths of the crop had been marketed. A large part of the fruit remaining on the trees has been regarded as still marketable.

The growers there while admitting that the trees have been injured, are united in the opinion that the damage is only slight, and confined to a curtailment of the coming year's crop. There was approximately 90,000 boxes of grapefruit and oranges left on the trees.

In West Putnam the damage to trees has been greater, but except for Interlachen and one or two other points, little attention has been given to the cultivation of citrus crops for the past twenty years.

Considerable trucking is done in this section of the county, and the losses to such growers has been great. Cabbage at Putnam Hall showed damage, while a few miles away, at Grandin, a big cabbage acreage showed up in fine condition on Wednesday morning.

Florahome is quite used to set-backs, but its people have again been hit and hit hard. The trucking losses here have been great.

Over at Bannerville a number of farmers had banded for a big acreage in strawberries. The cold was so severe that in some instances even the plants have been destroyed. Some 13 acres in berries here were showing berries just about ready for shipment.

Putnam county with all its losses, is not in it however to the extent of some of the counties south of us, even to the extreme southern limits of the State. Our citrus trees were more dormant and therefore better prepared to stand the extreme cold.

### Reports from The South.

The Palatka News is not going to give much hearsay evidence concerning the cold in the southern parts of the State. It is going to make up its report principally from clippings from newspapers in the different sections mentioned.

However, at some points like Tampa, where only weather bureau temperatures, taken from the tops of high buildings, are given, it is going to give the tree level temperatures as reported to us by men who were on the ground.

One man who was in Tampa on Friday and Saturday and Sunday, stated that the temperature on Saturday morning before sunup was 23. That of Sunday morning was but a fraction higher. The Tampa Times of Saturday evening said:

"High winds, which may have helped to save the crops, cut off communication with many sections, and the extent of the damage wrought could not be ascertained early today. "At 6:30 o'clock this morning the thermometer at Jacksonville registered 16 degrees, and Tampa 'unofficially' reported 26. Among points cut off from wire communication this morning were Orlando, Ocala, Daytona, DeLand and Tallahassee."

### The Miami Temperature.

The Miami Metropolis of Saturday evening in its report of the weather conditions there said:

"All records for low temperatures at the local station of the weather bureau were broken by the dip last night. The official minimum temperature was 27 degrees, which was two degrees less than the previous record. This temperature was secured by the official instrument on the top of the government building, which, owing to its elevated location, was not situated advantageously to secure a particularly low reading. From reports received at the weather station this morning from reliable sources temperatures in the vicinity of Miami reached minimums ranging from 22 to 24 degrees. Temperatures in this low range were reported from Coconut Grove, Allapattah, Biscayne Heights and even in some of the western part of the city."

### At Plant City.

Plant City is but a few miles west of Tampa. The Courier of that place in its issue of Tuesday, Feb. 6th, in its articles describing the cold, said:

"Florida has been gripped since Friday by the most severe cold wave in many years—in fact, no such temperatures have been recorded in this immediate section since 1909, and it came near the devastating freeze of 1894 and '95, when many millions were lost in two nights."

"The present cold was preceded by a heavy rain and high north-to-north-west winds last Thursday night, and the mercury dropped from 50 on Friday to 24 degrees above zero Saturday morning. Sunday morning brought a further drop, 23-1-2 being the lowest recorded by the government station."

### Conditions at Orlando.

Next to Crescent City, Orlando is, with the possible exception of Arcadia, the second largest citrus shipping point in Florida.

Mr. A. J. Nye, a heavy orange shipper at that place is reported as making the statement that a large number of trees in the Orlando section are showing trunks with split bark, which means dead trees. However this is only hearsay. The Orlando Reporter-Star, one of the most accurate, carefully edited papers in Florida, in discussing conditions there says:

"The extent of the damage done by the freezing weather last night is difficult to arrive at, for the reason that opinions differ and several days will be required to ascertain for certain if the citrus crop on the trees was frozen, as some claim, or if it escaped, as others assert. It is noticeable that the oldest growers are the most optimistic. At 6 o'clock last evening the temperature was 39, and it fell a degree an hour, on an average until midnight. Some claim that the mercury descended as low as 21. A. D. Zangen reported the lowest register and stated that all his nursery stock was killed. The official register was 23-1-2."

### Lakeland's Report.

The Lakeland Evening Telegram of Saturday says:

"Last night Florida was visited by the coldest weather the State has experienced in twelve years, the government thermometer in the City Park registering a minimum of 24 degrees. Today the temperature is slowly rising, and it is not thought it will go below 28 tonight. \* \* \* \* \* It is too early yet to figure on the damage to the citrus fruit industry. Much of the fruit on the trees, it is thought, is frozen, but in many protected groves the fruit is not injured. Many large growers were prepared for the cold with heating apparatus, and the fires were lighted in these last night, thereby saving the fruit in groves thus protected. Much bloom undoubtedly is killed. There is time for another bloom to take the place

## CONTRACT FOR ROAD TO ORANGE SPRINGS

Let to the Cornwall Construction Co. of Tampa, for \$70,663.

Possibly the most important act of the board of county commissioners at the February meeting this week was the letting of a contract for the Rodman-Orange Springs Road, in road and bridge district No. 3, to the Cornwall Construction Company of Tampa for a total of \$70,663. This was what is termed an alternate bid. That is to say, it was for the building of a road of material different than what was called for in the invitation for bids. The cost of building a road such as had been advertised, was much higher than the amount for which the district was bonded.

The Lutten Bridge Co. also of Tampa was awarded a contract for building the Deep Creek bridge on this road, the same to be of reinforced concrete arch over span on main channel and with two reinforced concrete culverts over the slough on east end of the bridge. The cost of this work will be \$5,483.

After the contract had been let and arrangements for the construction according to the plans and specifications under the supervision of Engineer Fagan, some of the board thought it possible that they had done an illegal act in letting a contract for a road different than that advertised for. They then wanted to rescind the contract; but a recess meeting was called for the 21st, at which time the parties at interest will all be present, and if it is then found that the act was legal it will be allowed to stand.

B. G. Sykes for the past year superintendent of the county poor farm, tendered his resignation, which was accepted.

### Presbyterian Church.

Services conducted by the pastor, Rev. C. M. Alford, D. D. Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. F. T. Merrill, superintendent. Mid-week prayer service, Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock. A cordial welcome to all these services.

### Mrs. O'Haver's Brother Dies.

William H. McNitt, brother of Mrs. Robert S. O'Haver of this city, died suddenly on Sunday afternoon last at his home in South Bend, Ind. Mr. McNitt was ticket agent for the Pennsylvania Lines at South Bend, and was 45 years of age. He and his wife visited Palatka a year ago last September. Mrs. O'Haver also visited her brother at his Indiana home last summer. The news came as a severe shock to Mrs. O'Haver, as her brother had been in perfect health when she last heard from him. The cause of death is to her unknown.

### Some Rare Newspapers.

There is on exhibit at the Ackerman-Stewart drug store this week, and to continue for some days, a dozen or more newspapers from far off lands.

These newspapers were sent to The Palatka News by the Chamberlin Medicine Co. of Des Moines, Iowa, and were received by that company for checking purposes—the company being an advertiser of its well-known remedies in all quarters of the globe.

Among the papers to be seen at the Ackerman-Stewart store are: The North China Daily News of Shanghai; The Burma Herald from Rangoon; The Sindh of Sukkur; The Times of Ceylon; The Bataviaasch Nieuwsblad of Batavia; The Northern Post of Alwal North, Cape Province, South Africa; The Bengalee of Calcutta; The Indian Daily Telegraph of Lucknow; The Friend of Bloemfontein; Daily Dispatch of East London, South Africa, and two or three printed in language that we defy John Mallem or any other man in this town who has been accustomed to reading a language written backside first to decipher.

Anyway these papers will prove a curiosity to anyone and should be seen. After being on exhibition for a time at the Ackerman-Stewart store, they will be given to the Palatka Public Library.

of the present, and at the worst, there will only be a curtailment of next season's crop, which, in view of the increased prices, will not be a great calamity. The set-back to trees by reason of killing tender young growth will be only temporary."

At Bartow a minimum temperature of 24 deg. is reported.

### Great Damage at Sanford.

The Sanford Herald of Tuesday says:

"That a large percentage of the orange crop still on the trees was frosted and that young groves were badly damaged is certain, but to what extent the damage extends cannot be stated with much certainty at this time. The still cold of Saturday night was more disastrous than that which preceded it Friday night though it is stated by experienced observers that the thorough chilling which the fruit sustained Friday night put it in prime condition to be frosted by the cold the night following. Truck crops are about wiped out, and the strawberry growers of this section were considerably damaged and disheartened."