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ANOTHER RACE FOR MAYOR

Bassett and Clonts will try it again next Tuesday

The municipal election passed off quietly yesterday, only a small vote being polled, which was due, in part, to weather conditions, which were not at all favorable.

In the race for Mayor, H. D. Bassett led, with S. L. A. Clonts, a close second. These gentlemen will run it over in the second primary which will be held November 7th. The friends of both are confident of their election, and as either would fill the office ably and creditably, and both are very popular, it is hard to determine which will bear off the prize.

Those elected to serve on the City Council the coming year were:

First Ward, W. P. Pillans, Second Ward, P. B. Haynes, Third Ward, E. E. Skipper, Fourth Ward, Morris G. Mann. The official vote follows:

Table with 2 columns: Name and Vote. For Mayor: Bassett (89), Clonts (74), O'Hearn (67), Smith (14). Councilman, First Ward: Pillans (31), Irvin (16). Second Ward: Haynes (53). Third Ward: Skipper (42), Finnagan (23), Wood (10). Fourth Ward: Mann (54).

RIEHOSON INDICTED FOR MURDER OF FIANCE

Boston, Nov. 1.—On the day he was to have married Miss Violet Edmunds, Rev. Clarence V. T. Richeson, pastor of Immanuel Baptist church, at Cambridge, was indicted yesterday afternoon on five counts charging murder in the first degree. The jurors were unanimous in their decision. Richeson is charged with the alleged poisoning of Miss Edmunds, of Hyannis on October 2. Over thirty witnesses were examined during the hearing which occupied the attention of the grand jury for the past four days. The trial for Mr. Richeson's trial has been tentatively set for some time in January.

SHOCKING DEATH OF TAMPA BOY YESTERDAY

Tampa, Nov. 1.—A shocking tragedy occurred here yesterday morning in Logan King, the 12 year old son of former Mayor Frank L. Wing. His death by the accidental discharge of a shotgun in his own hands. Young Wing rose shortly after light and went out to the chicken yard with the gun, stating to his father that he intended killing the hen hawk which had been hovering around the place for several days. He had mounted a box and was waiting for the hawk, having secured the gun, when, in some unaccountable manner the weapon fell from his hands and was discharged, the shot catching on the corner of the box. The load entered the boy's heart, causing instant death. He had been a general favorite in the neighborhood and his untimely death has caused widespread sorrow. A funeral was conducted this morning from the First Presbyterian church.

COMPLIMENTS OF THE TELEGRAM

The carriers have been instructed to leave one copy of this issue at every home with the compliments of the management of The Evening Telegram. Should you desire to have The Telegram visit you every afternoon, kindly phone 37 or give your order to the carrier and have Lakeland's first daily newspaper delivered at your door every afternoon. Out of town subscribers desiring The Evening Telegram will kindly mail their order to this office, and same will have immediate attention.

MUTT & JEFF

Will pay their regular weekly visit to Edison tonight and show how they got free tickets to the ball game.

For other pictures see ad on page 5, where you will find program announced daily.

SPECIAL TERM TO TRY NOTED CASE

Evening Telegram Bureau, Bartow, Nov. 1.—In the case of the State vs. M. F. Johnson and W. F. Robertson, charged with manslaughter, Col. Tom Palmer, attorney for the defendants made a motion for a severance which has not yet been decided. These two men will be tried at a special term after Christmas. As Palmer represents the defendants and H. S. Phillips will assist the State, any one can see that this trial will be a great legal battle.

This case grows out of the deplorable tragedy which occurred at Fort Meade on July 4th, involving the death of a well known young lady of Lakeland.

Some Political Gossip.

Hon. H. S. Phillips, State Attorney for the Sixth Circuit was here a good part of last week, looking after the interests of the State in the Robertson and Johnson case, advising and otherwise assisting Mr. Singletary in his new duties, and incidentally talking politics. Mr. Phillips is a good mixer, and he saw a good many of the boys while in the county. He avers that he will give Uncle Steve the race of his life.

Today Hon. S. M. Sparkman, Congressman from this district, has been in town and mixing with and talking to the boys. He is looking spry and ready for a fight. He seems to know a great many of the people, particularly the older settlers. Since Uncle Steve has definitely announced we can now look for an interesting and warm fight between these two deservedly popular men. Both men have many warm friends in Bartow and Polk county.

AGED VETERAN FOUND DEAD TODAY

Just as we go to press news was brought to the city of the death of Mr. H. McInnis, who was found dead in the woods near Paulyway about 10 o'clock this morning.

His death occurred some time yesterday morning, as when last seen he was going to the station to take the train for Lakeland. When found, he was lying on his face in the road, all indications pointing to the fact that he had been dead about 24 hours. The funeral will occur at Medula tomorrow.

It is not known what was the cause of Mr. McInnis' death, but it is supposed to be heart failure. He was seen in Lakeland Monday in apparent good health and his death comes as a great shock to his family and friends.

LATE CIRCUIT COURT NEWS

PROCEEDINGS TO DATE OF JUDGE WHITNEY'S JUSTICE. MILL.

Evening Telegram Bureau, Bartow, Oct. 31.—On Monday the court re-convened, and the following men were sworn in to serve as petit jurors for this week:

J. W. Hicks, L. L. Bryant, R. M. Every, R. H. Peoples, John Ackley, W. J. Dixon, W. A. Gates, Henry Tandy, R. H. Gray, B. M. Guthrie, R. V. Bryant, M. G. Merritt, J. W. O'Doniel, J. K. Futch, W. T. Wright, Jeff Crews, H. Carter, J. J. Boynton, J. E. Childs, J. L. Bowley, J. A. Williams, R. E. Sellers, Jessa Stephens, T. E. Hays, John W. Miles, J. W. Durrance, J. E. Brown, A. H. Robertson.

The grand jury re-convened and began the investigation of crimes. The following indictments were returned on Monday:

State vs. Jim Bennett, two indictments, one for carrying concealed weapons and the other for assault with intent to murder. To be tried.

State vs. Gillman Hobson, colored, murder. Hobson is alleged to have killed another negro near Frostproof on July 19, 1911. He has been in jail since then. His trial will take place next Thursday, Nov. 2, and he will be represented by R. E. Huffaker and Wilson & Boswell.

State vs. Richard Brown, entering building with intent to commit misdemeanor.

State vs. Leif Griffin, colored, assault with intent to murder.

I. F. Dotson, white, breaking and entering with intent to commit misdemeanor.

General Sneed, colored, murder. Bertha Wilson, entering with intent to commit misdemeanor.

Supreme Court Affirms Sentence

News has reached here that the Supreme court has confirmed the sentences of Cannon and Driggers. It will be remembered that these two men were tried here last spring for a murder committed at Mulberry. Cannon was given a life sentence and Driggers a twenty years' sentence. Their only hope now is for a pardon.

The Judge Means Business.

If you are summoned to appear in Judge Whitney's court to give testimony, you had better lay all other business aside and appear when you are summoned, for the Judge has laid it down positively that if persons do not obey the orders of the court he will have them arrested and put in jail. On yesterday he ordered that the witnesses in the Hale case should be in court this morning, and when some of them did not appear he ordered that they be arrested and put in jail, but on finding that there had been some misunderstanding about the order he revoked it. People of the county will soon learn that the Circuit Court will not be trifled with by any body. The Judge gave it to be understood that he is here for business.

Late yesterday afternoon the jury in the Taylor case wherein J. B. Taylor sued the Prairie Pebble Phosphate Company for damages, he having had his leg broken by falling from a trolley car operated by defendant company, in May, 1909, returned a verdict for the plaintiff for \$2,500. This case has been very hard fought, having gone to the Supreme Court on a question of pleadings. The defendant will doubtless take an appeal to the Supreme Court. The contention of the defendant is that the plaintiff was hurt by reason of his own negligence and carelessness. J. W. Brady represented the plaintiff and Wilson & Swearingen the defendant.

EXTENSIVE IMPROVEMENTS

GREAT WORK OF DEVELOPMENT IN PROGRESS SOUTHEAST OF CITY

The Lakeland News made a brief announcement in its last week's issue concerning the improvements which are now under way on the property of the W. F. Hallam & Co., at Lakeland Highlands, six miles southeast of Lakeland, near the old Bartow-Lakeland road and overlooking Banana lake.

This development consists of the building of a family country Club house, school and chapel, also boat houses on Lakes Scott and Banana, at an approximate cost of \$25,000.

We have had the pleasure of examining the plans of this club house and we believe we are quite safe in stating that it is the most attractive building of its kind in the state of Florida.

Architect Guy Platt Johnson, of Lakeland, has done himself great credit in working out the plans for this magnificent structure.

Mr. John G. Schmidt, of Lakeland, the contractor, is a man of many years of building experience in high class buildings and will be able to carry out the ideas of the architect in a thoroughly up-to-date manner. The building is of the Spanish style of architecture and the details have been worked out on strictly original lines. There is much similarity between this building and the fine buildings of Southern California.

The present size of the building is 100 by 107 feet, two stories high and with arrangements to add on as the demand warrants. It will include large lounging rooms, parlor, billiard room, barber shop, dining rooms and sleeping rooms. The building will be equipped with hot and cold water and heat in all rooms and with a very complete water system, shower baths and lighting plant. In fact, every modern convenience is provided for in the Lakeland Highlands Club, which will be completed about January 1.

The combination school and chapel will be for the benefit of the guests of the Club. Likewise the garage and stables. It is planned to arrange for all kinds of entertainment both in and out of doors, including golf course. The building of this club and the sale and development of the several thousand acres of the Highland Lake land in the vicinity of the club opens up possibilities for this section of Polk county that should fill us all with pride.

The class of people who are purchasing these ten, twenty and fifty acre tracts for a home in Florida are all financially able to plant their grapefruit, orange and tangerine groves and to build homes, costing not less than \$1,500 each. In fact, the restrictions in this district are such that a cheaper home cannot be built on the property.

So attractive is this region, which has an average elevation of about 300 feet, is rolling and naturally drained and has splendid views, that it is attracting local people of Polk county to make investments in the Lakeland Highlands district. Several sales have been reported recently of local people who wish to enjoy the best in the county and who also recognize that this particular land will rapidly increase in value as the development work progresses.

Messrs. W. F. Hallam & Co. have during the past year been bringing, as investors to this property, a very high class of business and professional people, retired and semi-retired. These people are from New (Continued on Page 4.)

DEATH OF MRS. D. A. McRAE.

Mrs. D. A. McRae passed away at her home in this city Saturday night after an illness of several months, having come to Lakeland for her health over a year ago.

Mrs. McRae was a sister of Mr. P. B. Haynes, of this city, and was a lovable Christian woman. To know her was to love her, and although confined to her home during the greater part of her residence here, she made many friends who deeply sympathize with the bereaved in their hour of sorrow.

Besides her brother, Mrs. McRae is mourned by a devoted husband, three daughters and a son. The body was accompanied back to the old home at McRae, Ga. by Mr. McRae, Miss Alice McRae and Mrs. P. B. Haynes. The Angle Undertaking company were in charge of the funeral arrangements.

HALE CASE SET FOR NEXT SATURDAY

Evening Telegram Bureau Bartow, Nov. 1.—Ben Hale was arraigned yesterday and interposed a plea of not guilty. Senator Dayton, who is representing Hale, made a motion for a continuance of the case to the next term. After argument by Senator Dayton and by State Attorney Singletary, the motion was denied, and the trial set for next Saturday, Nov. 4. Several witnesses for the defense have been subpoenaed and the case promises to be hard fought.

Hale, it will be remembered, killed Floyd Carter, near Kathleen, some time last summer, and has been in jail since then. He will be represented by Dayton & Dayton, of Dade City. Senator Dayton is here now looking after Hale's interests. Date of the trial has not yet been set.

We understand that the grand jury is still considering the charge against Martin, growing out of the killing for which Hale is held.

DEATH OF LITTLE CHILD

William Samuel, the eleven-months' old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Pillans died Sunday night, after an illness of several weeks of cholera infantum.

The little body was taken to Orlando where funeral services were held by the Presbyterian minister and interment made. The family have the deepest sympathy of the community in their great sorrow.

Board and Lodging \$7.00 per week at Hansard's Cafe.

BARKER GETS HIS FOR HORSE STEALING

Evening Telegram Bureau, Bartow, Nov. 1.—Yesterday John Howard Barker plead guilty to the charge of larceny of a horse from J. K. Futch, and through his and his attorney's plea was able to get off with the minimum sentence for this offense, namely, two years in the State prison. Barker, by appointment of the Judge, was represented by R. B. Huffaker.

PROMINENT OFFICIALS HERE.

Atlantic Coast Line private car 398 occupied by Chief Engineer E. B. Pleasants and Engineer of Roadway L. L. Sparrow passed through Lakeland today en route to Tampa on an inspection trip. They stopped here for half an hour in consultation with Superintendent Council.

Western meats only. Hansard's Cafe.

MET DEATH IN LAKE

C. C. Brian, Stricken with Heart Trouble While in Boat

While fishing Saturday afternoon on Lake Parker, C. C. Brian, of Salem, Ohio, sustained a stroke of heart failure and fell from the boat into the water, being dead when picked up about ten minutes later.

It was thought at first to be a case of drowning, but Dr. Bevis, who was on the scene shortly after the accident occurred, stated that no water had entered the body and the man must, therefore, have been dead when he fell from the boat. This opinion was further substantiated by the fact that when rescuers reached the man his body was floating near the surface of the water.

E. R. Shepherd, C. H. Autrey, F. E. Moss and others were near the dock at the time, and their attention was attracted to Mr. Brian by his cry for help, the next instant his body plunging overboard. Boats were put out immediately and within ten minutes after the accident occurred his body was ashore and every means of resuscitation was used, but to no avail, as his death probably had been almost instantaneous.

Salem, Ohio, and aftershelletaolu Mr. Brian came to Lakeland during the summer from Salem, Ohio, and after about six weeks' stay here he went over to Cuba, and had only returned last Wednesday. He was stopping at the Matanzas hotel and when leaving there about 2 o'clock for the lake, was in high spirits and apparently in good health. The accident occurred about an hour later.

The body was taken to the undertaking establishment of L. W. Cowdery where it remained until the arrival of a brother of the deceased, who reached the city last night, and who accompanied the remains to Salem this morning.

Deceased was a man about 35 years of age and was unmarried. He was of genial disposition and pleasing manners, and those who knew him here were very favorably impressed with him.

CONGRESSMAN S. M. SPARKMAN IN LAKE LAND TODAY

Congressman S. M. Sparkman arrived in the city at noon today from Bartow, and has been busily engaged in shaking hands with his constituents and looking generally after his political fences.

"Uncle Steve," as he is popularly known, has a strong following in Polk county, and as chairman of the Rivers and Harbors Committee, he feels that he is in position to do more than ever for this section of the State, and desires to give the people the benefit of his experience and ability during the next six years. That his splendid work will be recognized and rewarded accordingly, is the opinion of his large number of friends.

A glance across Munn Park shows the new union station and express company buildings rapidly nearing completion; there is a great deal of residence property now undergoing radical improvements and in many respects Lakeland looks not unlike a "boom town."

New concrete walks in front of the Kentucky building opposite Munn Park, also cause pedestrians to pay tribute to the cause of civic improvement.