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"LAND OF FLOWERS."

Mr. Whately Writes Very Interesting Letter of His Travels in Florida. Meets Wealthy Relatives.

Mr. Editor: Having promised many of our old friends and relatives of old Edgefield to write them while basking in the sunshine of this peninsula. I will do so by taking a short cut through the columns of your meritorious old paper, providing always that I have your permission.

During the latter days of February I left my shack in North Augusta, and joined the land of flowers and alligators.

Arriving near my destination I was met at the depot by an automobile of Col. C. A. Griscom, a many times millionaire of Philadelphia. A rapid spin of a few hours brought me to his magnificent winter home on Iamonia lake where a hot breakfast refreshed me for a few more miles ride to the home of R. G. Johnson, my cousin, and manager for the Griscom estate and hunting grounds. After a few delightful days at this home of luxury and plenty Col. G. told us that his yacht was lying at anchor at St. Marks, that it was at our disposal for some days.

After cracking our heels together some forty-nine times we hitched up and drove like the wind to the city of Tallahassee, the capital of Fla., where we met my lovely cousin—Mattie Whately and good old Aunt Letitia. Taking train the next morning before the cock crew three times we sped on our way to St. Marks; through turpentine farms, poor land, rich land, indifferent land and finally land at St. Mark's, where the captain of the yacht and his excellent wife met us.

Getting aboard, cousin Johnson, his wife, four children and yours truly were completely overcome and fell prostrated on the floor of the dining room with wonder. Magnificence magnified might poorly express the beauty and convenience of the "Whim." The captain rang a bell and the Whim began to churn the waters of St. Mark's river. Down we sped a distance of miles and entered the bay.

The little boat went bumping across the gulf like a greyhound. After enjoying this till land was no longer risable and the waves ran high and higher I began to experience a homesickness at the pit of my stomach, my head rolled worse than the boat, then suddenly I became sorry for the fish and fed them plentifully on the breakfast I had taken on coming aboard.

I made my will and then there I died on the deck. When I came to life I found they had wrapped me in fine linen and laid me out on something they called a berth. I staggered on deck and found Cousin Johnson stone dead. His wife had been "laid out" before. The children never knew the difference and were romping up and down the deck. The sea became smoother—the engine was stopped and before the gentle wind the Whim glided like a duck at about 10 miles an hour. We went by Dog Island where immense ships were loading lumber which was carried out from the main land in "lighters."

At sundown we tied up at Carrabelle where we spent the night. Before we could get on our clothes the next morning the captain had given orders and when we reached deck Carrabelle was seen dimly in the distance. Soon we anchored and fished and shot duck and water turkey, and crane and porpoise—had breakfast such as millionaires eat, in fact, 'twas Col. Griscom's grub. Weighing anchor we went out again, feeling fine, across the gulf shooting at every water owl that came near, with rifle and shotgun. Passed the mouth of the Crooked and O'clocknee rivers and up the Wakulla river; turning to the right we ascended the St. Mark me 6 or 8 miles, where a naphtha boat was lowered, and leasing the pilot in charge of the larger boat, the captain, together with his wife, took us up to the sulphur springs, hence back to boat and to St. Marks where we tied up for the night.

The first train took us to Tallahassee where are domiciled in my cousin Hattie's beautiful home for the present. Much of my pleasure will be marred by lake Iamonia running off." The lake was 35 miles long and very wide and deep at strange to say it sprang a leak. All the water went into a hole and where all these fish and alligators but no one knows. I have seen

JOHNSTON LETTER.

Epworth League and Pi Tau Club Entertained. Millinery Opening. M. A. Hudson Delivers Address.

On Thursday evening at the home of Rev. E. H. Beckham, the Epworth League held a social meeting, to which a number of friends were invited. Readings and instrumental music, with a talk from Rev. Beckham, made an interesting program, and a quartette composed of Messrs. Fletcher Boyd, Elzie LaGrone, J. Howard Payne and Frank Bland gave two selections. A song in which all joined, concluded the evening's pleasure.

Mrs. M. E. Norris will have her millinery opening on Wednesday and Thursday of this week. She has on an unusually large stock, and the display promises to be one in which all the beautiful new styles are exhibited. She has just returned from a stay in Atlanta viewing the styles.

Mr. and Mrs. Will R. Hoyt of Augusta, are here for a few days' visit.

Miss Emmie Wright, of Columbia college, spent a few days of the past week here.

Mr. Ben Perry, of Saluda, is here for a visit to his brother Mr. Toll Perry.

Mrs. Horace Wright returned to her home at Georgetown, on Monday after a month's stay with her sisters Misses Clara and Maud Sawyer.

Miss Josephine Mobley entertained the Pi Tau club on last Wednesday afternoon at the home of her sister Mrs. Page Nelson Keesee, and a social hour was very pleasantly spent, while the fingers were busy with dainty bits of needle work. The guest of honor was Mrs. William Allen Mobley, a beautiful bride, who has recently come from Virginia, to make her home here. Others present were Mesdames M. R. Wright, J. W. Browne, E. R. Mobley, O. D. Black, and Misses Lucile Mobley, Lylie LaGrone, Lucille Norris, Zena Payne and Mary Gwynn. During the afternoon, frozen cream, with fruit cake was attractively served.

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Interest Increases in The Advertiser's Voting Contest

More Handsome Prizes Have Been Added and Each Contestant is Working Hard to Win the Best Prize.

\$400 Cote upright Piano

Handsome Quartered Oak Side Board

Scholarship on Draughton's Business College

Two Lady's solid gold Watches

Two Lady's solid gold Brooches.

Congratulations to all contestants on the work done from March 1st to 11th. Miss Addie Stephens won the \$5.00 in gold by a small amount. Miss Mathis was a close second. Miss Martha Dorn and Mrs. Claud Parks came very close. Now let's all work hard to win as many free votes as possible. You just have until Saturday night to work on the free vote offer. There will be several who will profit by this offer. Now remember that the contest is drawing nearer and nearer the close and now is your time to put forth your best efforts. If you work you can't fail to win something valuable. Those who are behind are making good use of this time and are gaining ground.

Rules Governing Contest.

Rule (1) All collections made by contestants must be turned over to the Contest manager within one week or votes will not be allowed.

Rule (2) Subscribers should take receipt for all money given to contestants.

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GRAND JURY REPORT.

Recommendations Made. Special Committees Appointed. Urged That Repairs be Made on Jail.

To His Honor, T. S. Sease presiding judge, March term of court 1911:

We thank his honor for the able and instructive charge given the Grand Jury. We think the idea mentioned in this charge relating to jury duty and the remarks relating to the attitude of the white people in shielding the negroes from justice for mercenary gain are pertinent to our county.

We believe that the attention of citizens and county officials should be directed more to the subject of good roads and the benefits to be accrued therefrom. We have passed on all indictments handed us by the court.

We recommend that the supervisor be required to keep a sworn list of all parties failing to pay road tax by districts and what disposition was made thereof. We further recommend that magistrates be required to keep a sworn list of all delinquents in road tax reported to him by the supervisor in his district. That both supervisor and magistrates be required to report to the Grand Jury by July 1st of each year beginning with July 1st, 1911. We have appointed the following committees who will look after their respective duties:

No. 1. County Offices
W. E. Lott, J. P. Ozts, C. H. Key, W. S. Adams, J. C. Lewis.

No. 2. Public Buildings
W. D. Holland, W. T. Kinnard, W. W. Wise.

No. 3. Roads, Ferries and Bridges
S. B. Mays, J. S. Rodgers, H. A. Adams, J. W. Crim.

W. E. Lott, Foreman.

Report of Committee on Buildings.

We, the special committee of the Grand Jury to examine the public buildings of the county, beg leave to submit the following report:

We have examined the county jail and find that the overhead plastering over the entire first floor is in bad condition and we think that it is dangerous to occupy this floor with the plastering in its present condition. We would recommend that the plastering be taken down at once and that ceiling be placed overhead over the entire first floor. We believe that should a fire originate on the first floor of the jail that it would be impossible to save the lives of the prisoners on the second and third floors and that a passage or stairway should be placed in the main hall of the jail so that it would at least be possible to save the prisoners should the little passage now in jail be cut off by fire. We recommend that this stairway be put in at once.

We recommend that a brick wall or some kind of strong substitute for a brick wall be placed on the north side of the jail yard where wood fence now is.

We further recommend that blinds be put on the windows of the lower floor and that same be painted. We also especially recommend that a door be placed at the exit of the kitchen of the jail where there is now none at all. We find that there is not a single lock in order on the lower floor of the jail. We would recommend that an entire new set of locks be placed on this floor of the jail.

We wish to make special mention of the excellent keeping of the jail. We find that everything in and around the jail is kept in a satisfactory manner.

We have overlooked the other public buildings but at present we have no recommendation to make

as to these buildings. Respectfully submitted, W. D. Holland, Walter W. Wise, W. T. Kinnard, Committee.

WEST-SIDE NEWS.

W. O. W. Camp Sends Delegates, Sunbeam Entertainment. Capt. Burford Killed on Road.

On last Wednesday morning, about day, Capt. Burford was killed in our town. His foot caught in the guard rail of the side track, or in some unaccountable way the train passed over him, awfully mutilating and mangling his body. He had charge of a freight train. Leaves a wife and three children. His body was shipped to Augusta Wednesday evening, and embalmed, and next day was laid to rest by loving hands at his old home near Calhoun Falls.

Yesterday afternoon Messrs. R. N. Edmunds, C. Robertson and Dan Bell left for Columbia to attend the Head Camp convention of W. O. W. which meets today in Columbia. There are W. O. W. camps at Plum Branch, Modoc, Red Hill, Liberty Hill, Pleasant Lane, Meeting Street, Meriwether hall, and maybe others in Edgfield county and trust that all the camps W. O. W. will be as fully and well represented as ours.

I beg to add to a former advertisement, a beautiful hazel eyed girl of Clark's-Hill, and now I think my list of belles fully complete. In order to please the public the advertiser must have the goods. So the most fastidious prospecting, for a companion through life may remember, that we have merry widows, beautiful old maids and girls still more youthful, of the soft brown eye, the blue, the gray, the black and now, the hazel eyed variety. Come on old bachelors to the dark corner and feast your eyes, if you are too timid to "pop the question."

The Sunbeams will hold a public meeting one day this week. The little sunbeams have been trained by Miss Martha Dorn in a school of missions, and we confidently look

her three children.

Miss Mae Adams, teacher in the Modoc school, Sunday with friends in Parksville.

We are sorry to report our efficient post mistress, Miss Sallie Parks, indisposed. We missed her at the Sunday school and at the B. Y. P. U.

I notice in the Elberton star, that the Rev. Abiah W. Bussey, a former Parksville boy, and son of Rev. G. W. Bussey, has been called for all his time to a church in Florida. He has declined the call and will serve his churches in this section, says the Star. The Star continues: "The church in Florida offers \$200 more than the present field, also a splendid pastorium. The prospects there are flattering for development, and a large salary. Many ignorant and irreligious people say, the preachers go where the best salary is offered. Certainly such can not be said of Rev. A. W. Bussey. When he was at the Theological Seminary he was offered a splendid field in South Carolina with twice the salary his Georgia churches paid him, and also a home. He decided to continue his work in Georgia. Now comes the magnificent church and lovely home from Florida, seeking his services, and offering a great deal better pay than he now receives, yet he declines for the only reason, that the work he now has needs him more, and he is willing to sacrifice greater pay, more convenient access to pay churches, and also continues to pay for own house rent."

His churches highly appreciate his devotion and are responsive to his beautiful ministrations to them. He is a power for good whenever located, and Elberton section (with Martin and Carlton) will gain where Perry, Fla., loses."

More Anon.

Respectfully submitted, W. D. Holland, Walter W. Wise, W. T. Kinnard, Committee.