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Florida's Next Governor.

One of the most interesting characters in this country has just won the Democratic nomination for Governor of Florida, which means his election. He is Napoleon Bonaparte Broward.

Broward is a sailor. He first served as cook and deck hand when a mere boy, but studied meanwhile and attended school when he could. As a youth he saw plenty of hard life on fishing vessels off Cape Cod and the Coast of Newfoundland, but later returned to his native State and worked on St. John's river boats. When the Cuban patriots were fighting so hard against the Spaniards, Broward became famous by his filibustering expeditions. He commanded the celebrated "Three Friends," the little boat that ran away from both United States and Spanish warships and slipped guns and ammunition to the Cubans. The boat got its name from the fact that it was owned by Broward and two other chums. Their venture was profitable.

In 1887 Broward was elected sheriff of Duvall county, which includes Jacksonville, and he was re-elected until 1900, when he went to the Legislature. He has been foremost in opposition to the Flagler and corporation machine which controls practically everything in Florida, both in politics and in business. Congressman "Bob" Davis, a popular politician who has long been in Congress, came out for Governor with a good prospect of election, since he was supposed to be the Flagler candidate, but Broward announced himself and has defeated Davis in the second primary. The Flagler machine has re-elected Senator Taliaferro, but has lost the Governorship. Capt. Broward, despite his romantic career, is said to be a strong man of conservative disposition.

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The Campaign of 1906.

In lieu of exciting politics for this summer those interested in such matters are already talking of the prospects for the next campaign. Two years hence there promises to be quite a hurdle race all along the line, and there will be a string of candidates for all of the offices in the State. The on-lookers are already talking of lively times in the race for Governor, and the sure starters are already put down as Lieutenant Governor John T. Sloan, Martin F. Ansel and Speaker M. L. Smith, of Camden. There are quite a number of others whose names have been mentioned in one way or another, but those who figure on running had just as well count on Col. Sloan, Mr. Ansel and Speaker Smith as being their opponents. There have recently been gubernatorial races in which there have been very many more entries, and if the present groomings hold out there will be a half dozen candidates in the next race for Governor.

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Broad River Bridge Burned.

A dispatch from Spartanburg, dated June 15, says: The Southern Railway bridge over Broad River on the Spartanburg and Asheville line, fifty miles north of Columbia, was partially burned at 6 o'clock this morning. Passenger train, No. 9, north-bound was saved from running into the bridge by a negro, who signalled with a red petticoat. The conductor and crew and volunteer passengers formed a bucket brigade and succeeded in subduing the flames, but not until half the bridge had been consumed. Trains for Asheville are coming by the way of Greenville to Spartanburg. The origin of the fire is unknown.

The naturalists have not as yet been able to answer the burning question, "Can bees hear?" But their researches along that line have resulted in many queer discoveries. Simply because bees have no ears on the side of their heads is no sign whatever that he is wholly without some sort of an auditory nerve. The last assertion is proven by the fact that grasshoppers, crickets, locusts and flies, all have their ears situated in queer places—under the wings on the middle of the body, and even on the sides of their legs. The garden slug, or shell-less snail, has his organs of hearing situated on each side of his neck, and the common grasshopper has them on each of his broad, flat thighs. In some of the smaller insects they are at the base of the wings, and in others on the bottom of the feet.

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PLANT ENEMIES COST MILLIONS.

Details of Destruction Told in Report by Agricultural Department.

The destruction wrought on crops by the countless plant enemies throughout the country is revealed by a report issued by the Department of Agriculture on "Plant Diseases in 1903."

Besides the mass of detail regarding conditions in the United States proper, it shows that the coffee leaf blight has accidentally been introduced in Porto Rico and measures are being taken to stamp it out. Cocoa in Porto Rico is affected by a black pod rot canker and root disease. The tomato blight has practically ruined the tomato crop of Porto Rico. A potato rot has caused the loss of nearly the entire potato crop. Orange scab has caused considerable damage in the Bayamon district.

The cotton root rot in Texas prevailed to a greater extent than for many years, the loss being estimated at about $2,000,000.

Anthranaose has been generally prevalent from North Carolina to Georgia and locally injurious, especially to sea island cotton in South Georgia. Wilt has spread slowly and now occurs in limited areas in North Carolina and South Carolina and is widely prevalent in South Georgia and Southeastern Alabama, in connection with the root knot. Rust occurred as usual on the poorer soils and was unusually severe in Texas.

The potato blight and rot caused widespread destruction. The damage is estimated at $10,000,000 for the season in New York alone. Crown gall is becoming more serious every year as a nursery pest throughout the country. Strawberry leaf blight is less prevalent.

Dieback among the citrous fruit diseases in Florida is less destructive than before 1903. Corn smut caused heavy loss in Maryland and was common in New York. Corn leaf blight was general in Connecticut, Delaware, Eastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Rice blast was prevalent in the Cooper river sections of South Carolina, where the crop was over 100,000 bushels short. The loss from the spread of this disease in the past six years is estimated at $1,000,000.

Watermelon wilt is spreading in the South and cantaloupe leaf blight was injurious, especially in the South, the loss in Florida being 40 per cent. Tomato bacterial wilt was widespread in the South. The fusarium wilt in Florida caused a loss of $500,000 and large areas of land also had to be thrown out of cultivation. Cucumber downy mildew caused large losses in Florida and the trucking section near Charleston, S. C., where the estimated loss was $100,000.

Apple scab was much less injurious in New England, New York, Pennsylvania and Michigan than last year, but it seems to have been more destructive in the West.

Pear blight was more than usually prevalent this year in the East. In the South it is universal, and little effort is made to control it. There was an epidemic of pear leaf blight that defoliated trees from Maryland southward.

Brown rot was again less injurious in the Eastern States, but was very destructive to Southern peaches, the loss amounting to from 30 to 60 per cent of the crop in Georgia.

Ten Years in Bed.

R. A. Gray, J. P., Oakville, Ind., writes: "For ten years I was confined to my bed with disease of my kidneys. It was so severe that I could not move part of the time. I consulted the very best medical skill available, but could get no relief until Foley's Kidney Cure was recommended to me. It has been a God-send to me. Sold by J. W. Bell, Walhalla; W. J. Lunney, Seneca.

Stephen D. Lee is Chosen Chief.

Nashville, Tenn., June 15.—The next reunion of the United Confederate Veterans will be held in Louisville. The veterans to-day elected the following officers:

Commander-in-Chief—Lieut. Gen. Stephen D. Lee, of Columbus, Miss.

Commander of the Department of Northern Virginia—Gen. C. Irvine Walker, of Greenville, S. C.

Commander of the Department of Tennessee—Gen. Clement A. Evans, Atlanta, Ga.

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Battleship Maine to be Raised.

Havana, June 20.—A contract to raise the battleship Maine from the bottom of Havana harbor was signed last week at the Presidential palace. The contract was signed by Secretary of the Treasury Garcia Montes for the Republic of Cuba, and Attorney Joseph de Wyckoff, the latter being the contractor. Mr. de Wyckoff turned over to Secretary Garcia Montes the sum of $2,500 as a forfeit that the contract will be successfully caried out.

Mr. de Wyckoff must begin the work within six months, and complete it within one year. The authorization granted to Mr. de Wyckoff is in consideration of $5,000 American gold, which Wyckoff shall pay into the treasury of the Republic of Cuba within three months after beginning the work.

The Republic of Cuba is to give Wyckoff a clear title to the hulk, which shall enable him to take it out of the harbor and dispose of it.

It is expressly stated that in the title deeds shall be included "the hulk of the United States battleship Maine, along with all its equipment of machinery, arms, munitions of war, provisions, combustibles, and all other objects belonging to the said battleship."

Mr. Joseph de Wyckoff was asked regarding his project, and especially as regards the bodies of American sailors which are still in the hulk. Mr. de Wyckoff stated that he had already arranged for the burial of the bodies with Undertaker Marin, the one who buried the victims of the Maine, whose bodies could be secured after the explosion. "Of course," said Mr. de Wyckoff, "the bodies will be turned over to the United States if it is desired to bury them in the National Cemetery at Arlington, but if not we will give the remains Christian burial in this city."

Regarding the method to be employed in the raising of the Maine, Mr. de Wyckoff states that he proposes to do so with a cofferdam. A noted engineer has been secured for the work. He is R. H. Sewall, a man who gained national fame by having stopped the crevasses of the Mississippi river at New Orleans. He has already drawn plans for the work, and has submitted them to the American engineer, E. L. Corthell, who is known as the American de Lesseps. Mr. Corthell pronounces the plan of Mr. Sewall as one that will be successful.

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Rev. W. G. Neville Elected President.

Just before Rev. W. G. Neville, D. D., left Yorkville last week for Europe, being a delegate to the Pan-Presbyterian Alliance, which meets in Liverpool, he was notified of his election as president of the Presbyterian College at Clinton. He stated he would give an answer before he sailed from New York. Rev. J. H. Thornwell had declined the presidency on account of his unwillingness to give up his congregations.

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In recognition of the merits of the Dr. Miles Anti-Pain Pills for the relief of headache and pain, to which nearly every one is subject, more or less, arrangements have been made whereby the Dr. Miles Medical Co. will furnish a trial package of these wonderful little tablets free to the subscribers of this paper.

Any reader of this paper who is subject to aches and pains of any kind may avail themselves of this free sample by sending a postal card, giving their full address, and mentioning the name of this paper, to the Dr. Miles Medical Co., Elkhart, Ind.

There was quite a destructive hail, wind and rain storm passed over the Flat Rock section of the county last Tuesday afternoon. The hail did great damage to the young plants, and rain was so heavy that in many places acres of land were washed away. Many of the farmers believe they are damaged, by rain alone, by half.—Easley Progress, June 15.

At Macon, Ga., on June 11th in the United States Court Judge Emory Speer appointed Miss Nellie Walsh, of Savannah, receiver for the bankrupt firm of Krouskoff & Co., of Savannah. This is the first time a woman has been appointed to such a position. In making the appointment Judge Speer declared he made it to show his confidence and pride in the ability of the women of the South.

Never cut off large limbs from fruit trees if it can possibly be avoided. If you must do it, be sure to cover the wound with paint or grafting wax. This keeps out dampness and prevents untimely rot.

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NEW YORK'S GREAT DISASTER

EXCURSION STEAMER WITH 2,000 ABOARD BURNS TO WATER'S EDGE.

THE MOST HORRIBLE OF TRAGEDIES

Ever Witnessed in New York Harbor—Loss of Life Reaches Into the Hundreds.

New York, June 15.—The excursion steamer General Slocum, with two thousand people aboard, caught fire in Hell Gate, off 135th street, to-day and burned to the water's edge.

The flames burst through the decks from the lower hold with such fury that before the steamer could be turned into the shore and beached probably one thousand persons were either drowned or burned to death.

Following the discovery of fire aboard, the passengers, consisting principally of women and children, were seized with panic. The screaming passengers rushed to the rail and plunged overboard, others fled to the end of the vessel, were caught by the flames and consumed; still others stood riveted in their tracks, going down to death when the immense hurricane deck collapsed and fell into the seething flames.

As the flames roared through the ship, men, women and children, crying piteously for help, which none could render, either jumped headlong into the water or were consumed by fire.

The fire started in the lunch room while the steamer was off 135th street, in the waters of Hell Gate.

The tragedy, it is believed, is more horrible and caused greater life loss than the Iroquois theatre horror in Chicago.

SURVIVORS DRIVEN INSANE.

Many who were rescued reached shore insane, mothers crying in vain for their children; children calling to their parents whose bodies were at the bottom of the river or in ashes in the sunken ship.

Mothers fought mothers, believing their children had been claimed through mistake. Men, wrapped in flames, fought for places of safety, only to fall back into the roaring flames.

Children, helpless and in panic, their white faces made whiter by the wall of smoke, peered into the faces of eye-witnesses, who were powerless to aid them.

Here and there a scream would mark the death of some unfortunate who had been licked up in the fire. Now and then a pitiful, heart-breaking cry of terror rent the pandemonium as a mother saw her child fed to the flames.

Wildly insane, people rushed from side to side of the ill-fated ship, some praying, others cursing as the heat grew momentarily more intense and torturing.

MANY COMMITTED SUICIDE.

Scores committed deliberate suicide when they realized all hope was gone. Seeing the flames approach nearer, many deliberately leaped from their dizzy height into the raging current below, knowing there was no help for them there, but preferring drowning to cremation.

The tragedy came with such awful suddenness there was no warning to any one. A moment before the cry of "Fire!" the steamer echoed with the laughter of children and the merry shouts of the party. There was music aboard, which measured time for the dancing children on the decks.

From the shore, hands and handkerchiefs waved at the jolly party of excursionists. Then came a cry of terror. The steamer paused and made an attempt to turn. Instantly a huge pillow of flame and smoke rushed through the ship and painted the picture in black and red.

SCENES OF PANIC HORRIBLE.

Instantly panic followed. The fire was first discovered at 135th street. The flames came with a rush seldom witnessed for fury and swiftness. There was not a moment to right about the ship.

At the first outcry of alarm, men and women sprang to the rail, looked a moment at the scene of indescribable peril behind, and then jumped into the water. Others followed fast.

When the steamer had reached 136th street passengers were leaping overboard by the score and a moment later by the hundreds.

HURRICANE DECK COLLAPSES.

At this moment the hurricane deck was crowded almost to suffocation. It was here hundreds had rushed for safety, hoping to escape the terrific tongues of flames that were sweeping the lower decks.

Then came a crash, a dreadful noise, of tearing planks and stifled screams of agony and indescribable woe—the great deck with its hundreds had collapsed and all gone down into the seething furnace below.

It is not believed that a single person on the hurricane deck escaped, and as the fire in the hold of the steamer is still raging, there has been no possible way to rescue the bodies. The firemen say the flames in the hold will burn for hours.

The smell of burning flesh drove many rescuers away from their tasks. There were heroes and heroines a plenty—men and women who rescued many and then lost life themselves.

The biggest wheat field in the world is in the Argentines. It belongs to an Italian named Guazone, and covers over 100 square miles.

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McCalla Will Run for Congress.

Hon. I. H. McCalla, of Lowndesville, was in the city yesterday and announced that he would be in the race for Congress this summer. Mr. McCalla was in the race two years ago, when Mr. Aiken was elected, and it was supposed that he would stay out this summer and give Mr. Aiken a clear field in deference to the idea that an office-holder ought to have two terms. Mr. McCalla, however, said he would be in the race, and he did not think the "two-term" idea would amount to anything. He said he expected to be able to show to the people that he is the right man for Congressman for this district, and talked with the air of a man who is not uneasy about the result.

Mr. McCalla is a well known and popular citizen, and it is quite certain that the Congressional race this summer will not be devoid of interest. He said he would announce his platform later on.—Anderson Mail, June 16.

Interesting to Asthma Sufferers.

Daniel Bante, of Otterville, Iowa, writes: "I have had asthma for three or four years and have tried about all the cough and asthma cures in the market and have received treatment from physicians in New York and other cities, but got very little benefit until I tried Foley's Honey and Tar, which gave me immediate relief and I will never be without it in my house. I sincerely recommend it to all." Sold by J. W. Bell, Walhalla; W. J. Lunney, Seneca.

Important Educational Gathering.

One of the most important educational gatherings of the year will be held in Rock Hill on July 14, during the session of the summer school and the day preceding the meeting of the State Teachers' Association. During Dr. McIver's stay in Columbia a meeting of the educational board was held, and it was decided to hold a general educational conference at Rock Hill on the date named. The board consists of Governor Heyward, Superintendent Martin, President Johnson and Dr. McIver, the latter being district supervisor of the States of North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia. This board is given $1,700 for this State, to be expended on creating interest in the rural schools and doing as much as possible toward building them up. The money comes from the Southern Educational Board. At the meeting in Rock Hill it is proposed to have prominent educators, editors, business men and professional men address the meeting, and all phases of the rural school situation will be discussed. An address will be issued shortly to the people of the State on the resolutions adopted by the school superintendents of the Southern States and this address will be discussed from every possible standpoint.

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Plant Pecan Trees.

Following is an extract from an address delivered by Dr. J. B. Hunnicutt, editor of the Southern Cultivator, at a recent session of the Nut Growers' Convention held in Macon:

But some may say our figures are too large, that we have no experience to back them up. We know of one tree in Oglethorpe county, Georgia, from which was sold 64 pecks as a single crop. These were saved besides the family eating and the jaybird stealing. They were sold in Athens, Ga., for $1 per peck, bringing $64 cash for one crop from one tree. So we do not think our estimate at all too large.

We know of a grove of one-half acre that yields the owner annually more than a two-horse farm, and he is a pretty good farmer.

Hence we say that we should encourage nut growing because it is a paying business. Again, we should encourage this industry because it tends to settle down and give permanency to many of our moving, restless Southern farmers. The dream of every father is to lay up something that his children may enjoy after he is gone. Now, here is one thing that he can lay up. A pecan grove will be better than stocks and bonds. We need something to help our farmers to feel settled. Local ties are strong, and there is a mysterious tie that binds us to a tree that will live on through generations yet unborn, and always bless the heir that inherits.

Again, we need and must have in this sunny Southland shade trees. There is none prettier or better than the pecan. With a symmetry that far surpasses the elm or poplar, and a foliage more delicate and more beautiful than the water-oak, and a power of endurance unsurpassed, surely here we find the ideal shade tree. If our towns and cities should use the pecans instead of those now set for shade, they would not only have a prettier, longer-lived and more attractive shade tree, but the fruit would yield an income that would be better than bonds, and would lighten taxes.

Lawless Negroes in Georgia.

LaGrange, Ga., June 15.—News has just reached here that a negro by the name of Jonah Woods, who lived in the country near Texas Court Grounds, in Heard County, about twenty-five miles from LaGrange, has been lynched by other negroes. Woods was a deacon in his church and a pious old negro. It is said he discovered a number of negroes playing "craps" and threatened that he would report them to the grand jury. Afterwards the church was burned down and two days later, while plowing in the fields, he was seized and strung up to a tree nearby.

First Cotton on the Market.

Houston, Texas, June 14.—Two bales of new cotton were received at Houston to-day, which is thirty-five days earlier than last year and ten days earlier than the record.

ST. LOUIS CONVENTION.

All the Politicians Looking Forward with Interest to Developments.

[Washington Cor. News and Courier.]

Every Democrat in and around Washington of any prominence is tring to get the time and to scrape together the money for a trip to St. Louis during Convention week. They are anticipating a lively old time, because so little of that convention's programme has been settled, and because there is so much promise of a spirited tussle between the factions. The Democratic leaders say that it is their purpose to have just as orderly a convention as the Republicans will have at Chicago. They want to make an impression upon the country by their orderly transaction of important party business even under adverse circumstances.

Senator Bailey, of Texas, who will be one of the presiding officers of the St. Louis convention, is very much bent upon its being an orderly affair. He wants nobody kicked out of the hall, and no scenes which would lead to unfavorable comment or to bitter feelings among the Democrats. Mr. Bailey has been in Washington for several days, and has expressed his views on that to more than one of his callers. But it remains to be seen whether the Democratic leaders will be able to have their way in that particular.

If Judge Parker be nominated, as seems entirely probable, the New York crowd will have a program for the convention pretty well outlined. They have already been conferring with the various leaders about a running mate. An authoritative word here is that it will likely be Marshall Field, the millionaire merchant of Chicago. Judge Parker's friends have recently made a second proposal to him which Mr. Field has looked upon with favor. But John R. McLean, of this city, and of Ohio, is moving for the nomination, and parleys during the past week have been somewhat in his faver. It is even said that the New York delegation may be for him. Mr. McLean was the Democratic candidate for Governor of Ohio, a few years ago, and was proposed as a candidate for the Vice Presidency with Bryan in 1900, but Mr. Bryan did not want him because of his conservative tendencies. Afterwards Mr. Bryan asked Mr. McLean, who is a very wealthy man, to contribute to the campaign fund of 1900, but Mr. McLean declined.

It is claimed that Mr. McLean's nomination would help toward carrying Indiana. He could be counted on for a large contribution and the earnest support of his paper, the Cincinnati Enquirer, which circulates extensively through Indiana, and is the most widely read Democratic paper in the State.

Senator Gorman, of Maryland, is supposed to be writing the Democratic platform, although whether he has a definite understanding with the Parker people on the subject is not known. It is regarded as a certainty that he will be chairman of the committee on resolutions at St. Louis, for he will be a delegate at large from Maryland. Ex-Attorney General Poe, of Maryland, who is an expert in phrasing platforms, may be clothing Mr. Gorman's ideas about what the platform should be, with appropriate words and phrases. If this has been done it does not follow that the platform will exactly follow any draft that Mr. Gorman may take to St. Louis. The committee on resolutions will likely have some ideas to put into the resolution, but the expectation here is that it will be a conservative platform. The fight over the platform may be the most spirited in the convention, for it will be adopted before the nomination of the candidates, and Mr. Bryan is expected to take a stand in behalf of the two platforms on which he has been a nominee for the Presidency.

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