

GULF COAST BREEZE.

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EDITORIAL.

The jury in the Pitzer case are out, trying with the life of the accused.

Our little Greece is having all the turkey she can say grace over, but not a bit of Thanksgiving sauce with him.

An American named Hanshall was married last week to a Chinese girl named Ah Fong. Every one to their taste, as the old lady said when she blessed the craft.

The man with his barn full of corn, peas, oats and hay, and his smoke house full of home raised meat, need not lie awake at night, worrying over the financial question.

A genuine case of leprosy was discovered in the hospital at Baltimore a few days ago. The victim of this terrible malady was a woman who had been traveling in the West India Islands.

Mr. R. H. M. Davidson, and Messrs. W. A. Bayan and H. E. Day have been nominated by Governor Bloxham for "Broad commissioners" and their connection will come before the Senate today.

The state made out a strong case against Pitzer, charged with the murder of his sweetheart, Miss Gato, in Jacksonville, but the defense has also made a strong showing in the way of an alibi. Yesterday and day before were devoted to arguing the case, and the verdict is looked for with much interest.

The Seminoles of Florida have been pressed Southward by the march of civilization until they can go no farther on land, and Capt. Hendry, of Lee county, is trying to get 23,040 acres of land, on which they are now squatting, set aside for them a homestead. They ought to have it.

The largest telescope in the world has just been built at the expense of Yerkes, the Chicago millionaire. It completely lays the Lick telescope in the shade, and brings the sun, moon and stars thousands of miles nearer to us, but the heart and soul of Weyler, the Spanish butcher is too small to come within its range.

The world smiles with contempt, at the folly of the sputtering little moth, when it batters its life out against a lamp chimney in a vain effort to get at the light, but it applauds the exploits of Dr. Nansen, Lieut. Peary, Prof. Andree and the great human moths who have gone before them, and sacrificed their lives sputtering around the imaginary North Pole.

An old woman was arrested in Atlanta the other day, for trying to entice a young girl away from her home, for the purpose of inducing her to lead a life of lewdness and shame, but when the case was called for trial, not a line could be found in the statute books of the great state of Georgia, under which the old hag could be punished, though her crime was even worse than assault with intent to murder, and she confessed to committing it.

The capricious waters of the Rio Grande del Norte, which means great river of the North, is about to do what the armies of Mexico failed to do, capture a part of Texas. The channel of this river is the northern boundary of Mexico and the big floods last week caused it to shift its current, cut a channel through the streets of El Paso Texas and leave a large part of that city, including some important enterprises, on the Mexican side of the river.

RAILROADERS PRAYER.

It is said of a railroad man, that being called on to lead in prayer soon after having joined the church, he astonished his hearers with the following unique supplication: "O Lord, now that I have flagged Thee, lift up my feet from the rough road of life, and plant them safely on the deck of the train of salvation. Let me use the safety lamp to give me guidance, and make all the couplings in the train with the strong link of Thy love, and let my hand lamp be the Bible."

And, Heavenly Father, keep all switches closed that lead off on the sidings, especially those with a blind end. O Lord, if it be Thy pleasure, have every semaphore block show the white light of hope, that I may make the run of life without stopping.

And Lord give us the ten commandments for a schedule, and when I have finished the run on schedule time, and pulled into the great dark station of death, May Thou, the Superintendent of the universe, say, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant; come and sign the pay roll, and receive your check for eternal happiness."

The United States government has gotten its foot into it now. It has aroused the ire of the editor of El Comercio, the Spanish organ of the grocery merchants of Havana. This irate pencil pusher denounces Americans as worse than Cubans and threatens to spit in their faces one hundred times, and to patrol the American seas with brave mariners who will do as they please and not be punished for it. If something is not done to appease the wrath of this terrible editor, there is danger of the pushing fire boat out of our war ships with his cedar pencil, blotting out our Federal Constitution with his ink pad, and turning this fair land over to the unspeakable Turk.

Primary elections should be sacredly guarded, and kept as pure as the final election, or more so if possible. It is in the primary that our candidates are first selected, and if the ballot is allowed to be corrupted there, none but corrupt men can ever win the nomination, and when the fountain head is polluted the entire stream becomes poisoned. By all means let the primary election be protected by the strong arm of the law.

The Sultan of Turkey objects to our U. S. Minister, Dr. Angell, on the ground that he is a Christian and belongs to a sect that is opposed to Mohammedanism. If this is a reasonable ground for objecting to our representatives, we might as well break off all diplomatic relations with the unspeakable Turk, for no American can agree with the Turk on religion.

State Treasurer Collins, at the last moment, tendered his resignation, and the impeachment trial will be averted. Col. James B. Whitfield, a talented and popular young lawyer of Tallahassee, who recently resigned the clerkship of the supreme court, has been appointed by the governor to fill the vacancy.

The resignation of the Spanish Cabinet, because they found it so difficult to prosecute the war in Cuba, shows that the Spanish Government is firing all the trouble that it can manage, right at home.

Will we take eggs for the BUREAU why of course we will! The man who would not accept the currency of his country is no patriot. He ought to be tried for the crime he committed in the Dry T. A.

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ASHMORE ITEMS.

By Jack Smith.

The first number of the bright and new little GULF COAST BREEZE has reached Ashmore and is hailed with delight, as a disseminator of the news of this county, and a medium through which home seekers may be acquainted with the beauties and natural resources of this county, and the great Florida. We welcome the Breeze to Wakulla county, and hope it may prove a profitable investment, and influence spread from here to all the people shall be glad to see it. Wakulla is the fairest of the counties in this State.

Our little town has a school We have a flour mill on the Sabal school every Sabbath preaching twice a month.

W. W. Walker, our jolly and enterprising turpentine maker, making things hum in his line of business.

It is reported here that a Mr. Hal from Leon county has bought Hot Springs from Mr. W. W. Walker, and will take charge of it. The waters of Hot Springs are the finest in the state, and during the winter months are a great place in Florida.

Mr. Durant, who was...

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Mr. J. captured a fifty pound turtle last week in his oat patch.—Macon County Citizen. Down here that fellow would be called a gopher. Turtles do not graze out in the oat fields, but our fishermen turn them over on the Gulf coast beach nearly as large as a Jersey cow. 300 pounds is no uncommon weight for a Gulf coast turtle.

While Florida was placidly enjoying the Gulf coast breezes last Monday afternoon, the tier of states lying north of here were being shaken up by an earthquake. The shock was distinctly felt as far South as Atlanta, but no serious damage was done by the quake.

Mr. Tom Head, of Macon county, Ga., rejoices in the possession of a chicken with three wings. Tom seems to be raising chickens for the girl who "dined heartily on the wing of a lark."

Election of United State Senators by the people is the only sure escape from the disgraceful exhibition of corruption presented by the legislatures of various states of late years.

The plucky little Cubans are making this awfully hot in Pinar del Rio, in spite of the attempts of Spanish leaders to make them believe that that...

watermelon are being shipped from Leesburg by the car load.

TESTING HIS FAITH.

The following good joke is told of Colonel Nat Walker, Wakulla's able representative at the Chicago convention. When he started to the convention, he drew a check on the First National Bank, of Tallahassee, for \$100, to defray expenses. Knowing him to be an ardent advocate of limited and independent coinage of silver at 16 to 1, the cashier handed him...

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A NARROW ESCAPE.

Many of our readers will remember Mrs. C. A. Fullwood, wife of a noted member of the Florida Methodist conference, who formerly lived at Tallahassee. The Leesburg Commercial says that she came near meeting a horrible death at that place last week. In attempting to get aboard the rear end of a coach, Mrs. Fullwood missed the steps, and before she could recover her balance, was struck by the front end of the next coach and thrown across the track between the wheels of the coach. In a moment more her body would have been horribly crushed, but some gentlemen with blessed presence of mind, snatched her from between the wheels and thus saved her life.

Above all things an institution for training the youth of the land should be kept above reproach and free from every taint of suspicion. We fully agree with the Leesburg Commercial, that if it cannot be positively and indisputably shown that every thing in the State College is as clean and unsullied as the lips of the virgin Dian, then the whole establishment should be washed out, from president down to janitor.

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EFFECTS OF IMPEACHMENT.

The impeachment of state treasurer C. B. Collins, the trial of which began in Tallahassee Monday, is the subject of much conversation on our streets.

Wide apart are the opinions expressed as to the final result of impeachment of an officer.

The information of the house of representatives on the subject of the following from the constitution:

The house of representatives shall have the sole power of impeachment, but a vote of two thirds of all the members present shall be required to impeach any officer, and the articles shall be tried by the senate.

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