

A SHORT TRIP TO FLORIDA.

The tenth annual meeting of the National Editorial Association was held in St. Augustine, Florida, last week, the session commencing four days. There were delegates present from every State and territory in the union. In most cases a delegate was accompanied by his wife or daughter, and the whole number of the party was about 800. The following were present from North Carolina: Rev. and Mrs. W. L. Grisom, of Greensboro; H. A. London and daughter, Miss Lucy, of Pittsboro; R. A. Deal, of Wilkesboro; J. T. Britt, of Oxford; J. B. Sherrill and wife, of Concord.

We boarded the Florida vestibule at Concord on Monday morning of last week. We found on board Mr. and Mrs. Grisom, and we had the pleasure of their company to St. Augustine. Switching off at Charlotte we passed through the beautiful towns of Fort Mill, Rock Hill, Chester and Winnsboro, and the cities of Columbia and Savannah. The new train, known as the New York and Florida Short Line Limited, is a palace of luxury and beauty. It is composed of sleeping, dining, observation and day cars, all of which are made by Pullman. The day coach is of the handsomest and latest pattern, with smoking compartment in one end and lavatory in the other. This train does not make more than a half dozen stops between Charlotte and Jacksonville. We traveled exactly on time, without jar or accident.

It is nearly 200 miles from Savannah to Jacksonville, and there is not a town on the railroad between the two cities as large as China Grove. It is one long stretch of flat, marshy country, almost without habitation. The road from Savannah to Jacksonville, however, is only three years old, and no doubt in time many towns will spring up along the line.

We arrived at Jacksonville at 7 p. m., having been just twelve hours on the way. We left Concord at 8 o'clock, but as the time changes on the way, and as we had to turn our watches back one hour to correspond with central time, it will be seen that it took just 12 hours to make the journey. We spent the night at Jacksonville, and went over to St. Augustine, 37 miles, next morning. Jacksonville is a city of some 35,000 souls, but we were unable to see but little of it. Jacksonville, being on the St. John's river, receives tribute from both river and ocean, as their waters contend before her for pre-eminence in daily lives. All roads in Florida lead to Jacksonville. She is the metropolis of the State—a live, progressive business centre, with an ideal social life that reaches the height of gaiety when her winter visitors through her gates.

It is fair to look upon, with her oak-shaded streets, where the mammoth boulevards meet overhead, making long perspectives of evergreen arches. From their branches hang festoons of gray moss that wave in every breeze like banners draped from the ceilings of a lofty hall. Her private homes are most attractive, but her most conspicuous feature is the great number and high rank of her winter hotels. They are substantial, comfortable structures of the old regime, home-like and quiet, yet sociable and progressive. The fame of their management has extended over both continents; for their guests come from all countries, and their registers, winter after winter, bear the most distinguished among the names of the living.

Leaving Jacksonville reluctantly, we go on to St. Augustine, the oldest town in the United States. As the train approaches the station there rises in the mid-ground a perfectly proportioned but massive looking dome. It marks the site of the Memorial Presbyterian Church. Beyond it, through lofty trees and verdant openings, appear turrets and towers of various shapes and sizes. The traveler finds luxuriant carriages, stylish drivers, and concrete pavements smooth and clean. As he rolls along a street lined with candelars, from twenty to thirty feet high, arched with hedges of roses, he comes suddenly to the beautiful church that he has half seen before. It is built of coquina, a material found on the shore and low-lying islands of Florida's eastern coast. It is light gray in color when mixed with cement, and gives to a building a venerable look, even when first erected. The impulse is to call anything built of it "an old stone building."

The church was built by Mr. H. M. Flagler, owner of the Ponce de Leon and numerous other fine hotels in Florida, in memory of a deceased daughter. Mr. Flagler not only built the church, but he supports and pays its pastor.

The Ponce de Leon, the finest hotel in the world, is a picture of transcendent beauty. The entrance grounds to the hotel are filled with sparkling fountains, tropical verdure and blooming plants. The Ponce de Leon is one of the famous group of Spanish Moresque palaces, the other two being the Alcazar and the Cordova, all owned by Mr. Flagler. The "Ponce," as they call it in Florida, is a monolith, practically one single stone. It has been molded from the concrete of which it is built. It is almost time-proof, entirely fire-proof, and so firm and solid that it would nonplus an earthquake. From turret to foundation stone there is no

sham, no imitation. All is solid, massive stone, genuine terra cotta, real Italian marble, and the finest selections of Mexican onyx, and but little of other materials is employed in its structure. This is equally true of the other two hotels.

In one, "The Cordova," is the famous sun-parlor, a room made entirely of glass and luxuriously furnished, where invalids may enjoy all the vivifying effects of sunlight, without being exposed to the lightest touch of outside air. In the other, "The Alcazar," are the same Moorish designs and furnishings, but he finds here an in-door swimming pool. It is deep and wide, and through it runs a large stream of pure warm water. It is warm enough for the most delicate invalid in the coldest January day. It is all under roof, and all most systematically arranged for both sexes and all ages.

But the acme is reached when all three of this unequalled group is seen at night, ablaze from roof to base with thousands of electric lights. It is worth coming far to see.

We stopped at both the Alcazar and Cordova—sleeping at the latter and taking our meals in the former.

For more than half a century St. Augustine has been the Mecca of thousands of persons seeking relief from throat and pulmonary troubles; during the time the lives of hundreds have been prolonged; others who came before the disease had taken a firm hold upon them and remained long enough were entirely cured. It is now, however, more a pleasure than a health resort.

There are many places of interest in the quaint and ancient city. Among them are the following:
The sea wall, constructed by the United States government in 1835, at a cost of \$100,000. This is three-fourths of a mile long, ten feet high and two feet thick; the St. Francis Barracks, which was formerly a monastery, the home of the Franciscan monks; the old Fort Marion, which covers about four acres, and is still a magnificent specimen of medieval architecture, built of shell rock, with walls nine feet thick at the base and four and a half at the top, and twenty-one feet high from the centre court or ground floor; the old city gates, still standing at the head of St. George street; the cathedral, finished in 1791; the old slave market in the plaza, where slaves were sold in the olden time; the post office building, which was formerly the Spanish Governor's residence.

There is one street in St. Augustine which is only seven feet wide. It is Treasury street, and extends some distance. Persons standing on opposite sides of the street can shake hands with each other across it. All the streets of old St. Augustine are very narrow, and this, with the overhanging balconies, give it much the appearance of a foreign town.

We visited in St. Augustine the oldest house in the United States. It was built by the French Huguenots in 1562, and was occupied by monks until 1580. It was purchased by Dr. Carver, a dentist, in 1800, and was occupied by him as a residence. It is open to visitors from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m., and an admission of 25 cents is charged. There are in it many old relics of great interest and value.

Anastasia Island lies between St. Augustine and the ocean, and is connected with the city by a bridge half a mile long. On this Island is the finest beach in the world. It is 18 miles long and as smooth as a glass surface. On it is a magnificent light house, an examination of which was of great interest to our party.

There are many negroes in St. Augustine. We noted the fact that one of the leading dailies of the city had a department devoted to the doings of colored "sassyty." In one of the hotels the white servant girls and colored waiters ate together at the same table. This so disgusted some Southerners stopping there that they forthwith moved their quarters.

We saw gardens all over St. Augustine growing and blooming as they do here in May. All the verdure and vegetation reminds one of our spring and summer. We spent four days in St. Augustine, and during the whole time did not need an overcoat or a fire. The weather was balmy and delightful.

Oranges and bananas in Florida are as high in price as they are in Concord. The orange trees were all killed last year, and it will be some time before there will be another crop. We believe that this fact will inure to Florida's good, however. The people before depended almost wholly on the orange crop. Now they have turned their attention to food and forage crops. They will not be at the mercy of the orange commission men and the fruit exchanges. They will never be worried again as they were when they raised nothing but oranges.

The meetings of the Press Association were lively and interesting. Many able papers were read on every department of newspaper work, and many important discussions indulged in. Senator Squires, of Washington, addressed the Association on the Nicaragua Canal. There were about 500 editors at the meeting and about 800 ladies, making a party of 800 in all. The most of these made an itinerary of the whole State of Florida in two special trains composed of Pullman cars. They visited every important point in the entire State, and were royally treated. We regretted that time (and money) forbade our taking in the trip with the crowd.

Louis, New Orleans, Denver, and other places. Asbury Park, where the meeting was held last year, asked for it again, as did St. Augustine also. It will probably go to Asheville next year.

There are many other things we would like to touch upon, but space forbids. J. B. S.

The Populist-Republican Combination Threatened with Disruption. Special Dispatch to the Baltimore Sun.

RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 24.—Senator Marion Butler, chairman of the North Carolina populist executive committee, has issued a confidential circular letter to all township chairmen of the party, in which he says: "One wing of Republicans wants co-operation on the State ticket, provided it has candidate for Governor, but wants a straight Republican electoral ticket. Another wing wants fusion on electoral ticket, one-half of the last to be Republican, and pledged to vote for Republican nominee, whoever he may be, and the other half Populist. This wing also wants the nominee for Governor. Your committee is not ready to concede the nominee for Governor, but there is not so much principle involved in who shall be nominee for Governor as there is with reference to the electoral ticket. Your committee believes both these plans as to electoral tickets will at least cause friction, if not worse results, to our party. To carry either, every Populist in the State would have to co-operate with and vote for electors who would be a Populist of good standing, in which we cannot consistently decide. It would demoralize our party and solidify the Democratic party as nothing else would. It is the committee's unanimous opinion that the only way to avoid difficulties in the way of co-operation would be to have a non-partisan electoral ticket like our Supreme Court ticket in the last campaign, and each man on his ticket should be pledged not to vote for a gold man for President. This would avoid our being successfully charged with co-operation for spoils."

To this letter Mr. L. Wood, of Bertie, a Populist of good standing, replies, in which he accuses Butler. He has circulated this widely.

The Sun's correspondent is informed that at the last meeting of the Populist State committee there was discussed a statement made in speeches by Senator Pritchard and Congressman Pearson that they would be fusion in North Carolina on the basis of a division of electors. The committee felt somewhat insulted that Pritchard and Pearson had made this statement before they heard from the Populist committee, and the latter accordingly gave notice it must be consulted before any action could be taken. Wood's letter has caused a great stir among the Populists and made necessary an immediate meeting of the Populist committee. It is alleged by some Populists that it is Butler's plan to turn the Populists over to the Russell and Mott wing of the Republican party and thus defeat Holton for Republican chairman and defeat Congressman Settle for re-election; and it is further alleged that Congressman Skinner stands in with Russell in order to secure the former's re-election. Secretary Ayer, of the Populist State committee, says: "Republicans may elect the Governor, but certainly not by populist votes, unless republicans pledge themselves to support no man who favors the gold standard."

The official organ of the Republican party today throws another fire brand among the worried Populists, which makes the latter furious. It says: "It is certain the next Governor will be a Republican for the Republicans are masters of the situation." It says: "The surrendering to populism and free silver or keeping in touch with the principles of the national Republican party—protection and a sound financial system—questions of policy must yield to principle."

A Pauper Married. Francis Coon, a pauper in Davie county's home for the aged and infirm, ran away from that institution some months ago and was taken to South Carolina where he took unto himself a wife, returned to the poor house with his bride a few weeks ago, at which place they have since been making their home.

The county commissioners, at their last meeting, tried to get rid of the woman by claiming that she was a charge belonging to the State of Carolina, but finally decided that she was the wife of Coon, a Davie pauper, so they were both ordered back to the poor house. Both Coon and his wife are old and half-witted.

The Times says Coon was asked "how he managed to get money enough to get married?" and he replied by stating that you do not have to get license in South Carolina; all you have to do, he said, "is to get your sweetheart, go to a notary public," (meaning a notary public) and he marries you free of charge.

Anniversary Reunion. Salisbury Herald, 28th.
Mr. M. L. Ritch and children went to Concord last night and are spending the day by the shore. The object of their visit is to be present at the anniversary dinner of Mrs. Mary N. Ritch, the aged mother of Mr. Ritch.
Mrs. Ritch was born January 23th, 1811, and this is her 85th birthday. All of her living children, three in number, and all of her grand-children who live in North Carolina, sixteen in number, have met together to enjoy the day and to cheer the heart of their aged relative. There are a few grand-children in other States who could not attend the reunion because of distance.
A brother of Mrs. Ritch, the only other survivor of a family of twelve children, was expected to be present but feeble health prevailed.

Democratic-Populist Fusion.
Mr. W. R. Lindsay, Populist Senator from Rockingham county and member of the national executive committee, of the Populist party, writes the Raleigh News and Observer the following letter: "The People's party stands ready to co-operate this year with either the Republican or Democratic party on the distinctive line of principles. To the majority of professed politicians the offices are all—principles only when they bring office. Before any plan is perfected, as a member of the national People's party committee, I wish to make overtures thus publicly and above board to the Democratic party through Webster's Weekly.
The basis of principles is such as the party has at one time included and for that reason it is a transition quite easy. The principles are these:
1. The independent coinage of silver on equal terms with gold.
2. The government shall not issue paper for the banks and shall issue its own money and every dollar shall be equal in the payment of all debts hereof.

These are the easy terms we propose, and in order to carry out these hitherto Democratic principles, we propose to set up an electoral ticket pledged to vote for a man for President who is publicly and generally known to favor these principles.
Next, the Democrats take choice of the next office, either Senate or Governor.

Then alternately down the line, the Democrats first choice through all the State offices and departments.
The congressional districts then shall come in such a relation as most expedient, and shall be as nearly equally divided as practicable.
The legislative and county ticket shall be discreetly divided so as to give each party a fair showing.
These are the proposals we make. The proposal amounts to the casting of the electoral ticket for the Populist candidate for president, for it is understood that the Democratic candidate at least will be non-committal. If the Democratic party takes the Senator we have in the Governor, and the Democratic party takes the first State officer under him, and so on honestly and fairly. This is all planned subject to the will of the people.

Of course, I know that all such work as two parties co-operating has been secretly done, and no man knows what is being done, except the inner circle. We are violating all political practice in making these overtures in a public manner, but I do not think it wise to conceal these things from the votes when they make no sacrifice of principle. There could be several more items placed in the State platform on which all are agreed, but we insist on these which the national parties are not agreed. Again, we come holding the olive branch of peace, and at a time, prospectively, when the party cannot be a loser thereby. Now is the time to consider—consider, act. If any leader of the Democratic party, or any of the State executive committee, wish to bring about a co-operation on the line proposed, let them communicate with me with their ultimatum, and they shall be heard in the councils of the Populist party, all in strict confidence.
W. R. LINDSAY,
Member of Nat. Com. P. P.
In Olden Times.

People overlooked the importance of permanently beneficial effects and were satisfied with transient action; but now that it is generally known that Syrup of Figs will permanently overcome habitual constipation, well-informed people are turning to this medicine, which acts in a safe, but finally injure the system.
The Outlook, published at Raleigh by Rev. H. W. Leak, colored, lays it down thus in its issue of the 24th: "We are not for a mixed electoral ticket in North Carolina. This year the Republicans are not willing to join the Populists or any other party."

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STATE NEWS.
"Piney Woods Inn" the new hotel at Southern Pines was opened on the 23d. Governor Carr was present and delivered the address.
The President last week nominated those following postmasters in North Carolina: W. N. Pritchard, of Chapel Hill; W. D. Gaster, of Fayetteville.
Mrs. Vance won her suit, and the court declared her entitled to dower in all of Senator Vance's lands including the Bee tract in Buncombe county, says the Charlotte News.
A gentleman has been peddling spectacles in Statesville at \$2 a pair. He said they were worth \$6 but he was obliged to have money to get out of town. Since he has gone the Landmark learns that such spectacles sell at \$4 a dozen.

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The Concord Times says, "The families of Mr. Tebe Saunders and Mr. John Hearne, of Montgomery, sold their effects at public sale last week and will have soon to join their husbands, who left several months ago and whose whereabouts are not known to the public." Is this the Tebe Saunders of the very rich "Tebe Saunders gold mine" found in Montgomery county a few years ago?

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Middling	7 1/2
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Bulk yeast, sides	81
Bacon	19
Butter	10 to 15
Chickens	15 to 20
Corn	40
Eggs	12 1/2
Lard	8 to 10
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