IN THE HEART OF FLORIDA.

A Ride on the Ocklawaha River for Two Days—Alligators—Cypress Swamps and Novel Steamboats.

No. 6.

We hurry our readers from picturesque Palatka to the noted scenery of the famous Ocklawaha river as far up as Silver Springs and return. This trip includes 25 miles of St. Johns River, 100 miles of the Ocklawaha River, 9 miles Silver Springs River, and the Springs. Of our many trips in all parts of the country, this proved to be the most unique, the most wonderful and novel. The river is simply a narrow lake through the old forests of towering cypress, pine and palmetto, clad in vines and air plants. It is so narrow that the trees on either side meet and interlock each other over the boat's deck, while the current is increased as we near its source. And what a boat! The "Metamora" is well adapted to the trade, and to that end is unlike any other steamer that ever sat in the water, a thing of indescribable shape, an object of surprise and curiosity. The steamer is of recess sternwheel type, of original design and worthy of being given special mention as a novelty at the World's Fair. It is about 87 feet long and 22 in width, with upper and lower saloon decks, having 25 good staterooms, accommodating fifty passengers. And such rooms! One has to lie in bed until the other turns out. Along the river we saw cranes, loons, snakebirds, lampkins, snakes, etc., while alligators were seen sunning their corrugated backs on logs and stumps. In one instance we saw a mother with a half-dozen or more little ones disporting in the sunshine and in their company hung snakes and snapping turtles, all forming a congenial but most repulsive family of reptilian relationship.

The scenery was like a Kaleidoscope ever changing and increasing in interest. Great rafts of logs containing from 75 to 120 big trees were met at different points in charge of a raftsman who are paid $14 to float them to the mouth of the river. It requires from four days to two weeks to reach their destination, all depending on the pilot's success in getting around the sudden bends. These cypress swamps have been turned into great harvest fields for logmen, and big fortunes are being made by men with capital and brains. A logging outfit here cost $10,000 and includes an apparatus by which trees of any size are pulled through the swamps to the river and there rafted. We saw a raft made up of big logs that had been pulled three miles!

The water is half stagnant with a black, swampy vegetable dissolution and yet as we near its source becoming so transparent that the bottom may at times be seen. The dense woods that margin the shore are resonant with the carol of birds and jewelled with their brilliant plumage.

The night scenes on the Ocklawaha are superb! On top the pilot house a colored pilot keeps an old fashioned half-stove filled with lightwood flambeaux and the resinous yellow flames light up the banks with their dense growth of various trees and shrubbery. Sparks fly as thick as snow flakes and arousing the fear of the tourist as they fall around the trees. We are amazed at the sight. Behold the illuminated glory of the towering palmetto, the mighty vine-twined cypress and the lofty pine. Their tossing, waving, festooning mosses became silvered garlands while their spreading tops are crowned with a foliage of splendor. It is in short a weird but glorious vision. A lady who has traveled in Foreign lands was in our party and she remarked that the trip up the Ocklawaha was the most entrancing, weird and magical she had ever seen. Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe says: "The boat glides on from hour to hour, as the river winds and turns and doubles upon itself, with still the same flowery solitudes, reverberating with the same wild cries of birds glittering with slanting sunbeams, festooned with waving garlands that hang from tree to tree." Of her entrance into Silver Springs, she says: "We seemed floating through an immense cathedral where white marble columns meet in vast arches overhead and are reflected in the grassy depths below. The dusky plumes of the palmetto waving above, lit by torchlight, looked like fine tracery of a wondrus sculptured roof. The brilliant underwhite of the bay leaves, the transparent red of the water-maple, and the sofa, velvet feathers of the cypress, had a magical brilliancy, as our boat passed through the wooded isles. The reflected fire-light gave the most peculiar effect. The gray moss that streamed down seemed like draping veils of silver, and was of wonderful profusion. Clouds of fragrance were wafted to us from orange groves along the shore; and the transparent depth of the water gave the impression that our boat was moving through the air. Every pebble and aquatic plant we glided over seemed, in the torchlight, invested with prismatic brightness. What a sight was that! There is nothing on earth comparable to it!"

The return is made in twelve hours—just seven hours less than the up trip, so that the reader can judge by this fact of the swiftness of the current. The boat has to cut the sharp bends close in order to swing around, while tree limbs knock against her side, scrape the paint from the cabin, break window glass and make the journey exciting and thrilling. Several years ago a lady passenger was killed by a tree limb striking her while she was enjoying a ride up this river and since then all are warned of the danger. We run aground several times in "cutting off the points" but are soon off by means of pulleys attached to trees. Ten cords of wood are burned on one of these trips.

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THE company which has the contract for laying the cable across the bay for the Diamond State Telephone Company are at work taking up the old cable, preparatory to making another attempt.

QUEER VERDICT IN KENT.

Man Who Brought Suit Had to Pay Money to the Defendant.

DOVER, Del., May 8.—A jury in the Superior Court to-day brought in a remarkable verdict in the suit of Edward Maguire, a well-known citizen of Kent county, against Robert Darrah of near Clayton. The plaintiff sued for an account reaching $125, but Darrah came into court with a counter bill of transactions, claiming $160. The jury did not find for the plaintiff, except that it figured the difference between the $125 charge of Maguire's and the $160 charge of Darrah's was awarded Darrah the $35 difference. Messrs. Brockson and Johnson, representing Maguire, thought that there was some mistake, some slip of the tongue on the part of Foreman George West, and called for a polling of the jury. This was done and every man in the box answered that it was his verdict.

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SHERIFF'S SALE FOR TAXES.

BY virtue of the authority vested in me as Sheriff of Kent county, upon whom was laid the duty of collecting the State and County Taxes unpaid on the 1st day of April, in the year 1895, by process of law, in and for said county and State, under the Public Local and Public General Laws of the State of Maryland, in such cases made and provided, I have seized and taken in execution

All That Property

assessed to WM. LINDSAY, colored, situated in the Seventh Election District of Kent county, in Quaker Neck, on the road leading to the Comegys home farm, and adjoining the lands of Jeremiah Yorker and others, and more fully described in a deed from Hiram Brown, recorded in Liber S. B., No. 1, folio 182, etc., containing about TWO ACRES, more or less.

And notice is hereby given to the owner or owners thereof, or any party interested therein, that I will expose the same at Public Sale at the Court House Door, in Chestertown, Maryland, on

TUESDAY, 27th of May, 1902,

at 12 o'clock M., and sell the same to the highest bidder for cash, to pay and satisfy the State and County Taxes due thereon for the year 1901, together with all interest and cost due and to become due thereon, conditioned upon the provisions of the Acts of Assembly aforesaid.

State Taxes due and unpaid.....$ .27
County " " 1.48

THOS. J. FLETCHER, SHERIFF.
May 3, 1902—tds.

W. W. BECK, ATTORNEY.

Order Nisi.

William W. Beck Assignee, vs. George R. Beck,

In the Circuit Court for Kent County in Equity.

ORDERED, this 2nd day of May 1902, by the Circuit Court for Kent County in equity, that the sale of the personal property of George R. Beck, made and reported by William W. Beck, Assignee, of Chattel Mortgage from George R. Beck to Thomas Gale, dated November 19th, 1896, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 5th day of June next;—Provided a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper printed and published in Kent County, once in each of two successive weeks before the 20th day of May next.

The report states the amount of sales to be $161.50.

JAMES T. DIXON, Clerk.
True Copy.—Test:—
JAMES T. DIXON, Clerk.
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FRANK A. ROEDER,
—With—
LIKES, BERWANGER & CO., 10 and 12 E. Baltimore St., Near Charles, Baltimore, Md.
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Pretty Swiss and Grenadine Fabrics, in white grounds with black printings of scrolls, dots, figures and stripes, regular price 18c. per yard,
At 10c.

CHALLIS
French All-Wool.
Finest grade of imported All-Wool Challis; regular price 50c. per yard,
At 25c.

PILLOW CASES
Hemmed.
Size 45x36 inches.
Superior grade Muslins; thoroughly well made; regular price 12½c. each.
At 7½c.

LACES
Venise and Crochet Galloons; beautiful designs in White, Butter and Arabian; worth 25c. per yard.
At 12½c.

WHITE GOODS
Exquisite White Wash Fabrics, including lace effects and madras; worth 19c. per yard,
At 12½c.

LINENS
All Pure Linen Silver Bleached Table Damask, regular 50c.-per-yard grade, 2 Yards Wide,
At 39c.

FINE DOMESTICS
A Remarkable Sale.
Fine 4-4 Cambric.
Fine 4-4 Muslin, worth 8c. and 10c. the yard,
At 5c.

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Delivered by Rail to Any Station on the Baltimore and Delaware Bay Railroad.
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GROUND LIME.
Delivered by rail or boat on reasonable notice. The lime you drill in your land the same as fertilizer and is getting to be very popular because of the way in which it can be used and the good results.
COAL and WOOD.
UNDER COVER.
The only yard in the County where you can buy COAL free from snow and water. This is a stride forward and to the advantage of Coal buyers.
Best Coals, Lowest Prices, Quick Delivery
Come and see us before buying and let us see what we can do for you.
Very Respectfully,
J. D. BACCHUS.
Jan. 27. 1900. CHESTERTOWN MD

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I now have in stock
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JOSEPH GUEST,
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W. W. BECK, ATTORNEY.

Order Nisi.

Bedford Roe, late Sheriff of Kent county, vs. Samuel R. Boyer.

In the Circuit Court for Kent County in Equity.

THE report of sale and proceedings in the above entitled cause, having been read and considered, and the same appearing to have been regular and the provisions of law in relation thereto having been complied with, it is thereupon this 29th day of April, 1902, ordered that the sale reported by Bedford Roe, late Sheriff of Kent county, Md., be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof, be shown on or before the 12th day of July, 1902;—provided a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper printed and published in Kent county for three successive weeks before the 27th day of May, 1902.

The Report states the amount of sales to be $10.00.

JAMES A. PEARCE.
True Copy.—Test:—
m3 3t JAMES T. DIXON, Clerk.

Dr. A. M. BOBBITT,
—DENTIST.—
CHURCH HILL, - MARYLAND.
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NEXT MONDAY, TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY will be Bargain Days again. Start the Ball,

10 dozen Tumblers at 2c each.
10 gross Fine White Pearl Buttons, medium sizes, were 10 and 12½c dozen, 2 dozen now for 13c.
3 dozen Men's Work Shirts, silver star cheviots, were 50c now 39c
2 dozen Men's Overalls, were 62½c now 49c.
100 pounds Extra good 8c Rice, the above days, 5 lbs for 25c.
50 pounds Best Prunes, 3 pounds for 25c.

5000 YDS.
Matting Matting
Start them at 8¾c per yd. These days save you 25 per cent on many patterns were bought for the occasion.

25 dozen Clark's Spool Cotton at 48c dozen.
50 dozen Ladies', Misses' and Gent's Gauze Shirts and Vests start them at 5c each, purchased for the occasion.
12 Sets Fine Glass Water sets 6 Tumblers 1 Pitcher and Tray, all for $1.10. Others ask $1.50 for.
5 Rolls 5¼ Table Oil-Cloth, patterns good, this occasion 15c per yard.
300 yards last year's Lawns and Dimities 10 and 12½c quality, now 6¼ and 8c to close.
New line Lawns and Dimities beautiful new patterns, start them 8, 10, and 12½ cents.

White Goods,
Nice new line embracing Persian Lawn's, Organdy's, Lawns, Mansooks, Madrass, etc., India Linens, nice quality, start at 8c.

Carriage Harness
Our $9.98 Carriage Harness is a prize. Our $12.25 Sets a rare beauty, and our $12.45 Double Wagon Harness, cant be beaten.

Closing Out
All "Off" Styles, SHOES and SLIPPERS at way down prices. Getting in better stock, Look at Window for styles. Shoes that were $1.00, $1.25, and $1.50, now 50 and 75c per pair. Children's and Men's that were $2.00, $3.00 and $3 50 now $1.25 to $1.50

WANTED, Next Monday and Tuesday 1000 dozen Eggs at 16c dozen, 10,000 lbs. Wool highest cash price.

Yours for Business,
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