## NAPOLEON ACHILLE MURAT, FLORIDA'S CITIZEN PRINCE



with her parents, Col. and Mrs. Byrd Willis. The plantation of Prince Achille is near by, a portrait of the prince and a photograph of the princess are in the public library, and many white haired men and women are still living who remember the interesting, strangely assorted but devoted couple

Among those who remember the princess with peculiar affection is Fanny Taylor, a very old negro woman, the daughter of Patsy Lee, who was the personal maid of Katherine Willis in Virginia before she went to Florida and was still her maid after her marriage.

Patsy, with several other former slaves, was remembered in the will of the princess, and Patsy's daughter still lives in a cabin near Bellevue, which was the last home of the princess. The cabin is new, but is on the site of the former cottage, in which were recently burned many historic and beautiful pieces of Murat furniture, be-cause, as Fanny expressed it, "there was no mankind about to put out the in honor perhaps of the fact that in it are gifts frrom royalty.

modest but evident pride two silver keeper. teaspoons, three forks and an old fashioned twisted gold brooch given tric to a degree that was almost ill in interest by the service of solid gold to her mother by Princess Murat. bred. He spoke a burlesque of the and the imperial livery of the Bona From a wash cloth of finest birdseye English language and was perhaps partes. The privilege of using the red linen hemmed with almost invisible easily affected, but certainly often af- and gold livery was bestowed with stitches, and the last one ever used fected, by wine. He was, however, an \$40,000 on his "Cousin Kate" by Louis by the princess, Fanny unfolded two intensely interesting companion, and Napoleon after he had become em locks of gray hair, one of the mistress | was eagerly sought socially and valued | peror. and one of the maid. The last and most cherished possession displayed was a small photograph of the princess and the only prince in Tallahassee was taken during the latter years of her

Of both the prince and princess their former slave remembers many interesting incidents. One of these was the well known anecdote of how during an absence of the princess the prince dved all the household linen. the lingerie of the princess and every dress that the servants did not hide from him a vivid pink. The dye used, tradition says, was pokeberry juice.

On another occasion he invited a urging the fact that he had killed a "turkey buzzard" and was having it other of the odd culinary conceits remembered against him.

Nothing could have been more rovally brilliant than the prince's first 20 years nor more democratically dull than the last 20 years of his dife

He was six years old when Napoleon and as the heir to the throne little Achille was known as the prince royal er brother, Lucien, spent a pampered childhood at the court which his father and mother established.

old his father and Napoleon became an effort to regain his power by force the street and embraced by old solwife and sons were sent as prisoners him. to Austria.

Murat drifted to America at the age to their former thrones, and his regiof twenty, and it was in Florida that ment was disbanded. Prince Achille

Meerschaum Quickly Colored When

Autocrat of All the Russias Is-

sued His Orders.

A European contemporary tells an

Russia, received as a parting gift from

meerschaum mounted with diamonds.

but still eligible, amused himself by

chaffing the ten-year-old daughter of

July fireworks in the park, by reason

of the weather's inclement appearance

the Czar (Nicholas I.) an enormous day" was issued:

friends, arrived in Tallahassee the belle of Florida was Katherine Willis Gray, a young widow who lived with her father, Col. Byrd Willis, who had sought and made his fortune in the new territory of Florida.

burg, Va., and accompanied them 1867. when they moved to Florida. The

was Mary Lewis, a niece of George Washington, and not even the dazzling eyes of the blue blood of Virginia to fruit. the knowledge that his father, Joachim Fanny showed a recent visitor with Murat, was the son of an obscure inn-

Beside which the prince was eccenas a sincere and unchanging friend.

The courtship of the greatest belle of the couple and with approval by the parents of the young woman; and when the devotion and undisguised admiration of the prince finally won good wishes for them from many parts as a princess of France. of the United States as well as their adopted state

married July 30, 1826, and went to live at Lipona, his large plantation in Jef-Tallahassee friend to stay for dinner, transposed to Napoli, the city with dignitaries present passed out before was one of the most beautiful estates cooked. A sawdust pudding was an- in Florida and near the township in the same country which was given to Lafavette by the United States government on his visit in 1824.

The prince becoming restless on his Florida plantation, he and his American princess went abroad, and being forbidden to enter France and Italy made Joachim Murat king of Naples; they went to "Little Paris," as Brussels is called, where they spent two delightful years. The prince, who was of the Two Sicilies and with his young- | close personal friend of King Leopold, was made a 'colonel in the Belgian army and had command of a regiment of lancers. Both he and the When Achille was fourteen years princess were immensely popular, too popular, in fact, for the fine Bonaparte estranged, and at this most inoppor- face of Prince Achille was so much tune time the king of Naples also lost like that of his uncle, the great Nathe loyalty of his Italian subjects. In poleon, that he was often stopped on he was captured and executed and his diers, who fell on their knees before

The Powers saw and trembled for It was after several years of wan- fear that he might be able to enlist derings over Europe that Prince soldiers enough to restore his family he spent most of the remainder of his made a memorable address to his men. short life. When Colonel Murat, as he speaking to them in seven different was called by most of his American languages, one after another, and then where she died.

Learning that the artist would not

where the following "order of the

"Under pain of the knout none must

returned with his wife to his American

During a year's stay in London the beauty and the charming personality of the princess made a great impression among English nobility, and they were of real financial assistance to members of the exiled Bonaparte family, especially Louis Napoleon, the cousin of Prince Achille. The following year Prince Louis Napoleon came to America expecting to visit his "Cousin Kate" and "Cousin Achille" at their southern home, but he was recalled from New York by the illness of his mother.

The prince, with his active mind, became at one time very much interested in the study of law, to which he devoted his entire time and quickly mastered it. He was admitted to the bar in New Orleans and formed a partnership with Mr. Garnier, and for several years made his home in the congenial French city, where he divided his time between his beautiful town house and a large sugar plantation which he bought on the Mississippi river. Not understanding the of money, but learned at the same Lincoln hospital, under the same time a great deal about the people and head, Dr. B. F. Williams, reported an their life, which he recalls in his books increase of \$10 per inmate, while the

on America. Returning to the ever cherished neighborhood of Tallahassee the prince and princess spent a number of years at Econchattie, another of heir plantations, and it was then that was aroused by the continuous outrages of the Indians, and the prince in command of a regiment fought with Americans for American rights,

The prince was a brave and daring soldier, quick, firm and resourceful, but his wife proved herself a mate worthy of a Bonaparte by following him through every peril of the campaign, nursing him through an almost fatal case of fever and remaining with him until the bloody little war was

At lovely Econchattie, with its giant live oak trees hung with long gray moss and the whole world about it Mrs. Gray had married a Scotsman fragrant with flowers, Prince Achille at the age of fifteen and was left a Murat died April 15, 1847, and it was widow at sixteen, and as her child at Econchattie that his widow spent also died she returned to live with her the summers during the twenty years \$7,000. Lincoln was fourth with \$3. parents at Willis hall, near Fredericks. she survived him. She died August 6

Bellevue, just two miles from Talla-Willis home in Tallahassee on South hassee, is more closely associated with Monroe street, near the capitol, was the princess after the death of Prince a center of the social life of the state. Murat. She bought the place and with The beauty and charm of the young her favorite slaves settled there to Virginia widow, who was then only spend the remainder of her life. It is twenty-two years cld, immediately cap- a pretty white cottage of four immense tivated the son of Caroline Bonaparte high pitched rooms, set on a beautiand his courtship seems to have been ful hill overlooking Tallahassee to the as ardent as might be expected from east. An oleander lined walk leads a temperamental Frenchman. How- from the road to the doorway, and all ever, the young woman was not only about the house are enormous mag beautiful and wealthy, but her mother | nolia trees, covered most of the year with big white blossoms, red berried holly trees and grapefruit trees which fact that Colonel Murat's mother was at all seasons are beautiful with either fire." The cabin is as clean as a pin, a sister of Napoleon could blind the fragrant waxy blossoms or pale yellow

> The entertainments given by the princess at Bellevue were noted all over the south for their lavish hospitality, and were enhanced perhaps

In the cottage were also a marble bust of Caroline Bonaparte, many exquisite pieces of French furniture and watched with interest by the friends other handsome gifts presented to her by Napoleon when, with the other members of the Bonaparte family, she went to Paris for his coronation. On many occasions she was selected by there were hearty congratulations and him for especial honors and welcomed

On one occasion she was invited to a court function at the Tuileries and Mrs. Gray and Colonel Murat were was told that she would know her position at table by the rank of the person with whom she went in to dinferson county, the name of which was ner. As one after the other of the which he had so many associations. It her to dinner her heart sank at the sight of the few nonentities left. Her unaffected surprise and delight greatly pleased the emperor when he himself came quickly in, offered her his arm and seated her beside him at the table.

The emperor was never tired of listening to the animated stories of his American cousin and he and Eugenie begged her to make her home in France, but Mme. Murat could not forget the friends left in Florida and that many plantations and slaves needed her personal attention, so she returned to America and to Bellevue.

When the close of the war left Mme. Murat penniless, although possessed of thousands of acres of fertile farm lands, and she and her several hundred slaves faced starvation, the emperor came to her assistance and gave her a large yearly income, on which she not only lived in great comfort but with which she did a vast deal of charity. helping many stricken families and

friends in Florida and Virginia. Mme. Murat made another visit to Paris in 1866, where she spent a year in an effort to regain her failing health. She became seriously ill on her return and after a long illness at Bellevue she went to Econchattie.

SOLDIERS ENJOYED THE WORK | ing somewhat pensively at the gift, | the necessary tobacco will be supthe Czar asked him what he was plied."

thinking about. The artist replied The Cossacks went cheerfully at the that he was thinking of the time it job day and night, and at the end of would take to color the pipe-proba- the fortnight the pipe was returned to its owner, inscribed: "Colored in fifteen days by order of

Nicholas, Emperor." Liquidating Accounts. "The world owes a great deal to

nedical science, don't you think?" "Oh, I dunno. Every once in a Noticing that the recipient was look- smoke any other pipe but this. All while it seems somebody pays up."

Almost Nubile Age. said the giddy bachelor, "I'll make an The family had callers the other engagement right now to take you to evening. One of them, a man apsee the fireworks next Fourth." The ten-year-old eyed him unsmilingly. Her proaching it not actually entering midface was grave with the shrewdness of dle age, hero of many a social season

bly five years.

entertaining story of how a pipe was be leaving the country for fifteen days, colored "by order of the Czar." An the Czar took the pipe back again,

artist, who had spent some years in and sent it to the Palace guard-house.

the house. It appeared that the chil- guess I'll be old enough by then."

dren had missed seeing the Fourth of Growing Pickaninny. on that evening, to their great and 'em suspenders out, as I tells you? Be pounds and the suckers on its tenfully-expressed disappointment then fo' long youah feet won't touch and thereafter. "Never mind, Martha," groun'!"—Pennsylvania Punch Bowl. pieces.

In Grip of an Octopus.

A naval diver at Toulon was suddenly attacked by a giant octopus while under water in the harbor. He gave the hoisting signal and was generation on generation of calculat- hauled to the surface, together with ing females. "Well," she said, "I the octopus, whose tentacles, said to be 25 feet long, were wrapped around

him. The diver was uncons octopus held fast to the diver until it. "Lordy, 'Rastus, why don' you let was stabbed to death. It weighed 135 tacles were as big as five-shi

FIRE COMMISSIONER RIDGELL

MAKES REPORT.

GOSSIP FROM STATE CAPITAL

Items of Interest Gathered from Reliable Sources and Presented in

Condensed Form to Our Readers.

Cost of maintaining fourteen state institutions for the half year. December 1, 1912, to May 31, 1913, amounted to \$394,924 or \$120 for each of the 4,297 inmates, according to a report from the governor's office. The Hastings asylum under Super-

intendent Baxter, spent \$9 less for each of the 1,099 patients than under the administration of Dr. Kearn for culture of cane, he lost a great deal the first half of the year 1912. The Norfolk hospital, with 416 patients, cost of \$1 per inmate more than last vear.

Superintendent Clarke at the boys industrial school at Kearney spent \$23 less for each of the 159 inmates the fighting blood of the Bonapartes of his institution than was spent while C. B. Manuel was the head. Farm products brought in a total

revenue of \$33,296 at the fourteen institutions, the Hastings asylum leading in this respect with \$17.475.

Carelessness Cause of Many Fires. A total of \$391,865 worth of property was imperiled by fire during the month of July, according to a report by Fire Commissioner Ridgell. Of the amount the loss sustained on buildings reached \$112,64 of which \$59,709 was on the contents.

The totals are compiled from the entire state excepting Douglas county Aurora headed the list of losses with \$65,000. Bertrand was next with \$19. 000, and Grand Island was third with

Unknown causes are attributed to nineteen fires, children with matches caused half a dozen and gasoline stoves caused four conflagrations. Lo comotive sparks caused five fires. In his report Commissioner Ridgell adds the following interesting comment:

We believe that every city and town in the state should pay more attention to fire prevention and I wish to suggest to the mayors and city councils throughout the state that they employ from one to four men (depend ing upon the size of the city or town) at least twice a year to make a thor ough investigation of their cities and towns and where defects are found and parties refuse to correct them they report those who refuse to do sc to the mayor of their respective towns and to the state fire commissioner's office at Lincoln and would, suggest to the fire commissioners of Omaha South Omaha and Lincoln that they \$30,000 for new bridges along the drainselect one man from each fire station of inspecting and causing defects to toms. of said stations and to the office of the state fire commissioner.

"The report of fires for July, 1913, outside of Douglas county, showed a total of fifty-four fires, fully 75 per cent of which were due to carelessness and could have been prevented.

Plan for Test of Wire Rate. Plans for allowing the Western Union Telegraph company to make a three to six months' trial of the universal day rate provided for in the Stebbins bill of the last legislature were talked over at a conference here by the railway commission and Attorney Brogan of the company. The plan will be tried under an accounting system provided by the commission. It will likely become operative September 1. After the trial the commission will make a recapitaulation of the returns and if the rate has been compensatory it will be put into effect permanently. The new rate will allow a charge of 25 cents for all tenword day messages between any two points in the state and will supplant the now prevalent 25 cent, 30 cent

One dead heifer and eight head in a serious condition, was the result of feeding freshly cut cane on the farm of Henry Hertzell near Plymouth.

and 40 cent rates on such messages.

The Middle Loup as a possible factor in the development of water power, leaped into prominence when Thomas Pratt and John Hoge of this city and H. R. Geurig of Omaha filed an application for 440 cubic second feet of water to be taken from that stream. According to the specifications furnished the board, the initial development of the company will call for a 1,000 horse power plant, costing in the neighborhood of \$63,000. Of that amount \$16,000 will go for a dam, \$25,000 for a three-mile canal, \$18,000 for machinery and \$10,000 for building.

Bands at State Fair.

The Genoa Indian school band will assist in furnishing music for the state fair, Sept. 1-5. In addition, the Geneva girls' industrial school band, the Nebraska state band, the Nelson concert band and the Ord concert' band, will play. Liberati's band, assisted by ten grand opera stars, will give three free concerts each day in the auditorium and play a concert before the grand stand at 7 o'clock each night.

The Hastings Chautauqua is up against a deficit of nearly \$2,500.

Heavy Business in Departments.

The food, drug and dairy, weights and measures and state oil departments, all operating under one head. did a land office business last month. A total of 2,204 inspections were made, classified under the following business heads: Grocery stores, 259; meat markets and slaughter houses, 274; saloons, 16; bottlers, 11; drug stores, 198; confectioneries and ice cream dispensaries, 82; hotels and restaurants, 236; lumber yards, 19; and was struck by a fast freight near cars of oil, 117; cars of gasoline, 232. Seward.

BRIEF NEWS OF NEBRASKA

Sunday basebal, was defeated at

The village of Pickrell has been incorporated.

Garrison has had no rain since the middle of June. The German Day celebration at Lin-

coin will be held in October. Chicken thieves are making life miserable for farmers around Table

The state teachers' association will hold its convention in Omaha in November The canning factory at Grand Island

has closed down on account of a lack of material. Thirty green fruit trains from the south have passed through Fairbury

August 23 has been settled upon as the date for Havelock's annual gala day celebration.

Fremont signal corps are becoming quite proficient with the aeroplane attached to that body.

John Kautz, 60 years old, committed suicide by taking acid in the city iail at Beatrice. The saengerbund sessions just

closed at Lincoln will hold its next session at Council Bluffs. The farm house of Thomas Remmers near Beatrice, was destroyed by

fire with all its contents. George Brenton was instantly killed at Neligh when a wagon loaded with brick passed over his body.

The building and grounds of the Ne braska school of agriculture at Curtis will be dedicated August 15. The convention of the German American alliance of Nebraska will be

held at Lincoln October 14. Continued dry weather and scarcity of feed have compelled many farmers to sell butcher stock at a loss.

Henry Neibauer of Paul, who was

badly injured in an auto wreck some time since, is slowly recovering. Paul O'Harra has arrived at Hastings, having ridden on a motorcycle the entire distance from Greenville,

Representatives from over 200 churches attended the convention of Christian churches at Hastings last

Nearly all the Shubert fruit growers sold their apples to a Chicago firm. The same firm purchased their crop

tin can set fire to a wood pile at York, and necessitated a run by the fire de-Sparks from a threshing machine set fire to William Roehler's wheat

Rays of the sun reflected from a

worth \$1,000 The little girl of W. H. Sutton, near Plattsmouth, was badly burned when her clothes caught fire as a brother struck a match.

near Ohiowa and destroyed property

Mrs. Annie Bahr of Eagle was taken ill while atending a circus at Lincoln Monday and died within an hour at the home of a friend.

A government rifle club, to be affiliated with the National Rifle association, has been organized at Stanton with a membership of twenty-three. Johnson county will have to spend

age ditch being put in in the reclaim or district whose duties shall consist lowlands, on the Nemaha river bot-Wheat is vielding from twenty-six to fifty-two bushels to the acre in

Polk county this year, and some oats

have yielded better than sixty bushels

The Rev. J. W. Sapp. pastor of the Christian churches at Stella and Nemaha during the past eleven years, has resigned to accept a call at Smith Center, Kas.

A gasoline stove in the home of Thomas Naylor at Falls City, exploded, setting fire to the clothing of his wifer and little daughter, who were both badly burned.

While cranking an automobile, Marion Livingston, a Grand Island young lady, was hit in the face when the handle slipped from her hand,

knocking out several teeth. Heirs of the late Horace Greenwood at Wymore will pay to Gage county an inheritance tax of over \$800.

Twenty attendants at a party at Steinauer were afflicted with ptomaine poisoning, thought to be the result of inlulgence in salmon salad. Carl W. Wilson, a switchman em-

ployed by the Union Pacific, was killed in the yards at North Platte by being run over by a switch engine. Circulators of a petition for the woman's suffrage amendment at Stella are meeting with great success, having obtained nearly 80 per cent of the

signatures asked for. George McClain was killed by a freight train at Syracuse Saturday. Theodore Roosevelt has been invited to be one of the speakers at the third party gathering which will be

held at Lincoln some time this fall Eleven year old Mirl Gibson, of Morrill, was kicked in the face by a mule. A physician had to remove several pieces of shattered bone from around

Charles D. Andrews, a gunner on Admiral Dewey's flagship. Olympia, the May morning of 1898 when he sailed into Manilla bay, died at his home at Omaha last week.

Ainsworth's first chautauqua just closed is said to have been a grand success financially and otherwise. R. B. Wahlquist has been appoint-

ed postmaster at Hastings. He held that position under the Cleveland ad-The little son of Herman Eggenberger near Fairbury swallowed a

quantity of poison and only the timely work of a physician saved his life. Jess Eichhorn of Beatrice has brought suit for \$5,000 against Clarence Mable and Will Martin for injuries he claims to have received in an auto accident.

Fritz Gross, a day laborer at Omaha, has fallen heir to an estate in Prussia estimated at \$1,750,000. The committee in charge of finance

ing the "big four" fair at Fremont have sufficient funds to warrant its The Logrolling association, dormant

for five years, has been revived, and will hold the annual picnic at Blair, Thursday, August 21.

William Worthman and wife had a narrow eacape from death when their auto went dead on a railroad crossing



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Origin of Word "Sneeze."

The word sneeze has no possible connection with the verb "to sniff." Zona Gale, writing an article entitled Properly it should be spelt and pro- Ethics and Cooks, says: "The family nounced "fneeze," as it was for many of the legumes, 'the poor man's meat' years, being an Anglo-Saxon word. It -the peas, beans, lentils and peanuts was the difficulty of pronunciation, ac - are found next in importance to cording to the latest dictionaries, that | meat and eggs, with peanuts one of caused the change of the first letter | the best balanced foods available, and from f to s, and not as was formerly a peanut butter sangwich is quite as thought, the disuse of the old long nourishing as a ham sandwich."

s which resembled f in printed books.

"Why does this piano manufacturer call his business an infant industry?" baby grands."

and its natural honefulness.

Paper and Slate.

Poor Man's "Meat."

In the Woman's Home Companion,

"My profits are largely on paper," remarked the broker. "Mine are on the slate," chimed in "Because he manufactures mostly the foxy coal dealer, with a wink.

Some people manage to make a lit-Unpardoned sin destroys the soul the truth go a long way by stretch-





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