

NAPOLEON ACHILLE MURAT, FLORIDA'S CITIZEN PRINCE



Old Portrait of Prince Achille Murat in Tallahassee Public Library



Photograph of Princess Murat in Tallahassee Public Library

TALLAHASSEE, the capital of Florida, was for some years the home of Prince Napoleon Achille Murat, son of Joachim Murat, whom Napoleon made king of Naples. The prince and his wife were buried in the Episcopal cemetery of the town, and visitors to Tallahassee may still see their graves and also the house in which the princess lived before her marriage. 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, because, as Fanny expressed it, "there was no mink about to put out the fire." The cabin is as clean as a pin, in honor perhaps of the fact that in it are gifts from royalty.

Fanny showed a recent visitor with modest but evident pride two silver teaspoons, three forks and an old fashioned twisted gold brooch given to her mother by Princess Murat. From a wash cloth of finest birdseye linen hemmed with almost invisible stitches, and the last one ever used by the princess, Fanny unfolded two locks of gray hair, one of the mistress and one of the maid. The last and most cherished possession displayed was a small photograph of the princess taken during the latter years of her life.

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 dyed 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 Tallahassee friend to stay for dinner, urging the fact that he had killed a "turkey buzzard" and was having it cooked. A sadwast pudding was another of the odd culinary conceits remembered against him.

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

He was six years old when Napoleon made Joachim Murat king of Naples; and as the heir to the throne little Achille was known as the prince royal of the Two Sicilies and with his younger brother, Lucien, spent a pampered childhood at the court which his father and mother established.

When Achille was fourteen years old his father and Napoleon became estranged, and at this most inopportune time the king of Naples also lost the loyalty of his Italian subjects. In an effort to regain his power by force he was captured and executed and his wife and sons were sent as prisoners to Austria.

It was after several years of wanderings over Europe that Prince Murat drifted to America at the age of twenty, and it was in Florida that he spent most of the remainder of his short life. When Colonel Murat, as he was called by most of his American

SOLDIERS ENJOYED THE WORK

Meerschaum Quickly Colored When Autocrat of All the Russias issued His Orders.

A European contemporary tells an entertaining story of how a pipe was colored "by order of the Czar." An artist, who had spent some years in Russia, received as a parting gift from the Czar (Nicholas I) an enormous meerschaum mounted with diamonds. Noticing that the recipient was look-

ing somewhat pensively at the gift, the Czar asked him what he was thinking about. The artist replied that he was thinking of the time it would take to color the pipe—probably five years.

Learning that the artist would not be leaving the country for fifteen days, the Czar took the pipe back again, and sent it to the Palace guard-house, where the following "order of the day" was issued:

"Under pain of the knout none must smoke any other pipe but this. All the necessary tobacco will be supplied."

The Cossacks went cheerfully at the job day and night, and at the end of 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 medical science, don't you think?"

"Oh, I dunno. Every once in a while it seems somebody pays up."

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 hauled to the surface, together with the octopus, whose tentacles, said to be 25 feet long, were wrapped around him. The diver was unconscious. The octopus held fast to the diver until it was stabbed to death. It weighed 135 pounds and the suckers on its tentacles were as big as five-shilling pieces.

Growing Pickaninny. "Lordy, 'Rastus, why don' you let 'em suspenders out, as I tells you? Be' long youah feet won't touch de groun'!"—Pennysylvania Punch Bowl.

STATE'S EXPENSES

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 Superintendent Baxter, spent \$9 less for each of the 1,099 patients than under the administration of Dr. Kearn for the first half of the year 1912. The Lincoln hospital, under the same head, Dr. B. F. Williams, reported an increase of \$10 per inmate, while the Norfolk hospital, with 416 patients, cost \$1 per inmate more than last year.

Superintendent Clarke at the boys' industrial school at Kearney spent \$23 less for each of the 159 inmates 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 \$291,865 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 \$65,900. Bertrand was next with \$19,000, and Grand Island was third with \$7,000. Lincoln was fourth with \$3,256.

Unknown causes are attributed to nineteen fires, children with matches caused half a dozen and gasoline stoves caused four conflagrations. Locomotive 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 (depending upon the size of the city or town) at least twice a year to make a thorough investigation of their cities and towns and where defects are found and parties refuse to correct them they report those who refuse to do so 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 select one man from each fire station or district whose duties shall consist of inspecting and causing defects to be removed and report to the captain 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 recapitulation 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 ten word day messages between any two points in the state and will supplant the now prevalent 25 cent, 30 cent and 40 cent rates of such messages.

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.

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; cars of oil, 117; cars of gasoline, 223.

BRIEF NEWS OF NEBRASKA

Sunday baseball was defeated at Ansley.

The village of Pickrell has been incorporated.

Garrison has had no rain since the middle of June.

The German Day celebration at Lincoln will be held in October.

Chicken thieves are making life miserable for farmers around Table Rock.

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 the past week.

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

Premont 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 jail 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 Nebraska 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 Neubaer of Paul, who was badly injured in an auto wreck some time since, is slowly recovering.

Paul O'Hara has arrived at Hastings, having ridden on a motorcycle the entire distance from Greenville, S. C.

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

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

Rays of the sun reflected from a tin can set fire to a wood pile at York, and necessitated a run by the fire department.

Sparks from a threshing machine set fire to William Roehler's wheat near Ohiova and destroyed property 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.

Mrs. Annie Bahr of Eagle was taken ill while attending 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 \$30,000 for new bridges along the drainage ditch being put in in the reclaim lowlands, on the Nemaha river bottoms.

Wheat is yielding from twenty-six to fifty-two bushels to the acre in Polk county this year, and some oats have yielded better than sixty bushels per acre.

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 wife 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 Stella were afflicted with ptomaine poisoning, thought to be the result of indulgence in salmon salad.

Carl W. Wilson, a switchman employed 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 his nose.

Charles D. Andrews, a gunner on Admiral Dewey's flagship, Olympia, the May morning of 1898 when he sailed into Manila 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 appointed postmaster at Hastings. He held that position under the Cleveland administration.

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 financing the "big four" fair at Fremont have sufficient funds to warrant its complete success.

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 escape from death when their auto went dead on a railroad crossing and was struck by a fast freight near Seward.

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Origin of Word "Sneeze."

The word sneeze has no possible connection with the verb "to snuff." Properly it should be spelt and pronounced "sneeze," as it was for many years, being an Anglo-Saxon word. It was the difficulty of pronunciation, according to the latest dictionaries, that caused the change of the first letter from f to s, and not as was formerly thought, the disuse of the old long s which resembled f in printed books.

Properly Named. "Why does this piano manufacturer call his business an infant industry?" "Because he manufactures mostly baby grands."

Unpardoned sin destroys the soul and its natural hopefulness.

Poor Man's "Meat." In the Woman's Home Companion, Zona Gale, writing an article entitled Ethics and Cooks, says: "The family of the legumes, 'the poor man's meat'—the peas, beans, lentils and peanuts—are found next in importance to meat and eggs, with peanuts one of the best balanced foods available, and a peanut butter sandwich is quite as nourishing as a ham sandwich."

Paper and Slate. "My profits are largely on paper," remarked the broker. "Mine are on the slate," chimed in the foxy coal dealer, with a wink.

Some people manage to make a little truth go a long way by stretching it.

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