

ACRES OF WATER UNLOADED

Millions Secured from Sale of Florida Swamps.

PROSPECT OF DRAINAGE REMOTE

How Promoters Dodged the Post-office Department and Scooped in the Money of Investors.

Summarizing the testimony taken by the committee of congress investigating the Everglades land swindle in Florida...

After many different reports had been made as to the feasibility of draining the region and the probable value of the lands if drained...

Drainage Investigation. At about the time Major J. O. Wright, then an engineer of the United States Agricultural department...

Major Wright, in 1909, completed his report on the Everglades and turned it in to the agricultural department.

Portions of the Wright report found their way into the hands of the swamp boomers and were widely circulated as commendatory.

Immense Profits for Bolles. One batch of 100,000 acres of this land was sold through the Florida Fruit Lands company...

The plaintiffs in the case aver that Bolles received \$2,500,000 for this land on which he had paid the state of Florida about \$200,000...

His selling agents, it is said, received on this batch, commissions of \$500,000. The Bolles agents, under many names, are selling the lands in all sections of the country...

The postoffice department got on the trail of the promoters. Through the activities of the postal inspectors, S. B. Bolles, a brother of Richard Bolles, has been indicted in Florida with others.

The promoters have evolved a scheme to beat the postoffice department. They do not use the mails any more.

They do not tell the purchasers that the land in the Everglades, with the exception of the fringe, is almost inaccessible and that nothing but wild vegetation is growing thereon...

The Perils of the Circuit. The long haired actor man was bargaining for a rope.

"In case of an impatient landlord and a quick getaway," replied the actor.

"All of that," replied the actor. "The last rope I had was too short and my trunk pulled me out of the window."

HIGH LIMIT FOR ARMY AIRMEN

Greater Altitude Than 4,000 Feet Deemed Useless for Observation Work.

The army aviators now in camp at Augusta, Ga., where they are having a lot of trouble owing to the weather that has prevailed in that section of the country...

Frank Coffin, the aviator who made the hydro-aeroplane flights in New York last week, and who was sent to San Antonio to instruct the army aviators...

"The chief reason why aviators should not fly too high lies, of course, in the rapid change of atmospheric conditions in both ascent and descent...

"We all know that aeroplanes can be driven to heights of 10,000 or even 12,000 feet, and that the aviators do 'get away with it' but after all, that is all they do.

"The M. W. A. Rates. HARVARD, Neb., Feb. 28.—To the Editor of The Bee: My attention has just been called to the reply of John Steed to my suggestion that the rate question in the Modern Woodmen of America camp be adjusted along lines now in use by the Ancient Order of United Workmen...

The question, who first applied a cab to a locomotive for the protection of the engineer will never be settled. There are several people credited with being the first to introduce a cab to cover the foot-plate of a locomotive...

Various Claimants for the Honor of Building Shelter for Engine Men.

The order has advanced their assessment from the first promise they gave the member to carry a \$100 policy for a monthly payment of \$1.00 some years ago...

PEARLS REGARDLESS OF COST

Increased Importation of Precious Gems Indicates Prosperity in Patches.

That the high cost of living, about which so much is being said, has little effect upon the desire of the public for diamonds and other gems is shown by the big importations at the port of New York during 1911...

Not Wanted.

Hannibal sent a message to the chief of the Liguarians.

"Sir," he said, "I have about reached the conclusion that your assistance is doing me more harm than good."

When upon the Liguarian went away and took counsel with certain sympathetic friends.

The Gentle Czar. Occasionally a soft answer starts a rough horse.

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"You'll want about sixty feet," said the dealer.

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The Bee's Letter Box

No Reason for Roosevelt's Candidacy

When we look back to the other date of December 31, 1906, when he said as follows: "I have not changed and shall not change that decision thus announced."

That Theodore Roosevelt would turn his back and betray his friend, the present occupant of the White House, seems very unbecoming to a man who poses as a great reformer.

It is one of the greatest mistakes Theodore Roosevelt ever made to break his word to the American people.

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ORIGIN OF LOCOMOTIVE CAB

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Muffled Knocks.

"Thank you so much for your singing, Mrs. Gwyer; it made the guests lively and talkative in a jiffy."

"It was so kind of you to drop in, Mrs. Gollifer, you know I've never returned the call you made a year or two ago."

Grand Opening Saturday, March 2d -of the- LEEDS WOOLEN MILLS \$15 UNION MADE FREE---\$5 TO \$8 PANTS---FREE On Our Opening Day With Every Two-Piece Suit Remember, we are the only people known to the \$15 Suit system using the high quality of work we employ in the construction of a suit to sell for \$15.00 Money Deposited With Us is as Safe as With a Guarantee Bank If We Fail to Please. DON'T BE SATISFIED WITH A PASSABLY GOOD SUIT GET ONE, PERFECTLY MADE. The more skeptical may doubt our ability to produce a substantial suit for a fifteen dollar price, but the wise need only to know we have located at 318 SO. 15th ST., BOURKE'S OLD STAND SAM EZZELLE, Manager.

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STYEPPLUS Good, small size Steel Couch, with two rows of supports— at ... \$1.85 Solid Oak Rocker, like cut— at ... \$2.75 Full Line of Bissell Carpet Sweepers at ... \$2.50 You should use a Bissell Carpet Sweeper on your carpets and rugs if you want to keep them clean and double their life. Selling the Blue Sky. OMAHA, Feb. 27.—To the Editor of The Bee: Regardless of political affiliations, why should not the enlightened and progressive people of Nebraska protect their own interests? Why can't we Nebraskans see that as good a law is passed in our commonwealth as was lately enacted in neighboring Kansas. We refer to the law requiring reports from concerns that offer stocks for sale, with power to bar those that will evidently prove profitable to nobody—except the promoter.

