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When candidate Claude L. Engle goes honk! honking! over the state, he will probably be very careful not to run over anybody's hogs.

If W. A. Blount should happen to be elected to the U. S. Senate, Florida would be represented there by her two most prominent lawyers—Fletcher and Blount, who are recognized as the leaders of their profession in Florida. But is it necessary to send another lawyer to the Senate? We already have one lawyer in the Senate and two lawyers in the House. Why not send a farmer, a doctor, a dentist, a merchant, a banker, or even a poor down-trodden newspaper man like Claude L. Engle?

A man named Keller—just plain Gordon Keller—died at his home in Tampa a couple of weeks ago. At the time of his death Keller was treasurer of Tampa. He had lived a pure, simple, honest life, and since his death thousands of inches of laudation have been written of him. His funeral was one of the most largely attended ever known in Tampa, and many an honest, sympathetic tear was dropped at his grave. Another man died last week—a Volusia county man, died in Jacksonville. He was a man of unlimited ability and possibilities. He was known from Tallahassee to Key West, from Pensacola to Miami. He was a genial, pleasant and capable fellow—but his life had been spent in lobbying, in political strife, in doubtful political deals. If there was a tear shed for him, or an inch of eulogium written of him, even by those who now serve the ones he served, THE NEWS has failed to see it. This man, who lived in affluence, and picked the choicest morsels from the very best, died in poverty, with none to shake his ruffled pillow, or place a cool cloth on his heated brow. What a lesson to the young man just starting out in life! Major Healey had the ability, the winning way, to have accomplished so much for his good name and for the people. Now he is gone—and there are few, if any, to lay a flower on his grave. Poor man, poor soul! The saddest words of song or pen, are simply these: "What might have been."

A PLAIN DUTY.

THE NEWS continues to receive a great many letters from people who have already bought, or expect to buy, lands in the Bond tract, or elsewhere in Volusia county. As a result of this sale of property, THE NEWS has added possibly 100 new subscribers to our mailing lists. We like to receive the subscribers, just as Volusia county in general welcome new citizens—but we do not blind ourselves to the fact that hundreds of people will come here this fall and go away terribly disappointed. The Board of County Commissioners should make a thorough investigation of this matter, through a special committee and the county attorney. The editor has prepared a circular letter, which he is sending to all

enquirers. The circular letter reads as follows:

Office of
"The News Publishing Company
"Printers
 "DELAND, FLA. (date).

"Dear Sir:
 "Your letter of recent date to hand. Volusia county is thriving and prosperous, and our crying need is more citizens. Our lands are productive, when intelligently tilled, and any strong man who has the hardihood can hew his way to success. A great amount of the land in this section is good, will grow anything; but it is not all good. Thousands of acres in Volusia county, as anywhere else on earth, won't even sprout a mortgage. I am not in a position to inform you as to the fertility of the soil about which you enquire. I have no doubt a great quantity of it is good, while there may be much that is fit only for cattle range, or possibly is swamp.

"I would advise you to see for yourself before putting money into land here or anywhere else.

"Your ideal of a home may be entirely different from mine, your ideal may be higher or lower—I am not in position to judge.

"We want good, intelligent, law-abiding citizens. We extend to you the welcome hand. We want satisfied citizens only, however. One dissatisfied citizen does more harm to a community than a dozen satisfied families can overcome. Come and see for yourself, and while here call upon me at the office of the News Publishing Company; I shall be glad to render you any service in my power. I am sending you some printed matter descriptive of this section and several sample copies of THE NEWS under separate covers.

Cordially yours,

CHRIS O. CODRINGTON."

In the opinion of the editor, Volusia county is now confronted by the most serious problem ever placed before us. If it is solved correctly and with satisfaction to the purchasers of these lands, the county will boom as never before. If these people are sold lands in Deep Creek, or other undrained sections, and are forced to leave here disappointed and cheated, the entire state will receive a black eye from which it will not recover in years.

The Board of County Commissioners, serving in the capacity of the managers of county affairs, should not dodge this issue—but should enter into it with their whole bodies and souls and minds.

The people are with you, gentlemen. Your duty is plain. At the meeting next Monday, call in the managers of the new companies selling these lands, your tax assessor, and the natives who know the country and find out exactly what is being done.

It is possible, and even probable, that the board will have no legal redress, except perhaps an appeal to the postal authorities, but a published statement from the board, either to the effect that only good, drainable land being sold, or that swamp and useless lands are being placed on the market, and disposed of to innocent purchasers, if such is found to be the case, cannot fail to have a good effect.

Concrete covered by sea water for one hundred years was recently removed in the harbor at Brest, France, says Cement Age. Iron bars embedded in the concrete did not show the least indication of rust, showing that concrete is a perfect preservative of iron ore, even when placed under sea water.

CORONADO.

A young man, by the name of Green from New Smyrna, very much the worse for liquor drove over Monday in one of Newell's rigs and beat the horse so cruel, down the road and on the beach that Mr. Newell upon learning of the fact, took the rig away from the man and sent the girl home in a carriage. We all think the young man was let off light.

Wilford Bennett, of St. Augustine, is visiting for a week at the Barber house.

The Priscilla Club met Thursday afternoon and was entertained by Mrs. Helen Vrooman. Having a visitor present, Mrs. Newell, the members all tried to see how very nice they could be, and some succeeded. Refreshments of three three kinds of cake and ice cold tea were served. Mrs. Vrooman makes a very sweet hostess.

Mr. Walker and family, of New Smyrna, are located in the Bee-Hive cottage on the beach. They will stay some time to rest and enjoy the surf bathing.

Mr. Carr and family, Mr. Bullock and children and Mr. Stanford and family all went to Ponce Park Friday in Mr. Walker's launch to view the lighthouse and other points of interest.

Mr. Helms and family drove to Daytona Friday, and had a very pleasant trip.

Gladys McCollough climbed to the top of a large oak tree to get a better view of the surrounding country; in coming down, she came in haste and hit the ground hard. She was shaken up, but not seriously hurt. She says she won't do it again.

Mrs. John Berry and niece, of New Smyrna, are visiting Mrs. Dehn on the beach.

Mrs. Ireland and baby, of New Smyrna, are stopping at the Atlantic house.

Robert Longstreet went over to DeLand on business this week.

Donald Douglass has returned from Orange City for a few days' visit at home.

Mr. C. C. Morris and family, of Sanford, are located on the beach for a vacation.

Harold Vrooman went to Jacksonville this week on business.

Mr. Turner took a party of eight in Mr. Duss' launch to the lighthouse and Ponce Park Tuesday morning. Those who went were Mrs. Barber, Miss Genie, Mrs. J. P. Turner and Billy, Mrs. Ireland and baby, Mr. W. Bennett and the Misses McCollough.

Mr. Barber is having the hotel dining-room repapered, and has purchased and installed a lot of fine new mattresses. He intends that his guests shall be comfortable—and what better than a good bed?

Wednesday, Mr. J. McCollough and family drove to Daytona to spend the day.

Mr. and Mrs. Longstreet and Marion drove up to Daytona Wednesday to visit friends and otherwise enjoy a day's outing.

Miss Genie Swartengreen gave a theatre party Tuesday evening, attending the moving pictures in New Smyrna. Those who went were the Misses McCollough, Hannah Detwiler, Roddy Douglass and Wilford Bennett.

"Get out the hose reel. Si! Peleg Whiffietree's barn is afire." Can't do it, Seth. That hose reel was jest painted to-day."—*Louisville Courier-Journal.*

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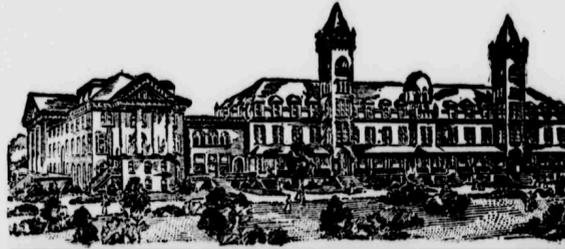
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