

## THE De SOTO COUNTY NEWS.

Entered in the Post Office at Arcadia, Florida, as Second Class Matter.

PUBLISHED BY  
THE De SOTO PUBLISHING COMPANY.  
WEEKLY, ON FRIDAY.

## SUBSCRIPTION RATES

One Copy One Year..... \$1.00  
One Copy Six Months..... .50  
One Copy Three Months..... .25

Office in News Building, corner Magnolia Street and DeSoto Avenue.  
Phone No. 17.

## WE NEED IT BADLY.

Never before in the history of Arcadia has there been such a crying need for a modern hotel. Every day demonstrates this fact beyond all dispute. Train load after train load of tourists pass through this city en route to other points for the reason that we cannot accommodate them. Our hotels and boarding houses are filled to overflowing and every day applications for accommodation are turned down. There is not enough room to handle the vast crowds that are swarming down upon us. There is but one way out and that is to erect a modern 50-room hotel. A smaller one would be of little avail, as it would soon be filled to overflowing, and we would then be in the same crowded condition as now. Let us not consider a smaller hotel than this, and let us determine to build it in time for another season.

The News is in favor of organizing a stock company of home capital, so that all will feel interested and proud of their possession. Let some one make us a suggestion along this line. Suppose we organize a hotel company, and then offer the stock for sale. We shall be pleased to hear from others on this subject.

The News throws out a few suggestions, that some idea of the needs of our city in this respect may be gained. In the first place our accommodations are not sufficient for the demands made. At the time it is a matter of impossibility to turn in the winter here. As a consequence, the matter will be considered by every business man in the city. Let us hear from you, gentlemen.

Mr. of people would come here, a letter could be a stimulus to all from here. We shall talk more about the matter as the days go by, but every business man in the city should hear from you, gentlemen. The shipments of oranges from this season will probably reach the high three quarter million boxes in volume, and at the low estimate ten dollar and fifty cents per box movement will distribute among the citizens of the county, one million, one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars, to say nothing of the hundreds of thousand crates of vegetables, hundreds of tons of fish and the thousands of cattle that are shipped from our county each year. DeSoto county is a good place to live.

The condition of the First National Bank of Arcadia is encouraging to any prospective settler, and especially so to our home folks. The surplus earned, as shown by the statement published in another column, is more than the capital stock of the institution and cash on hand amounts to \$128,241.98, deposits over a quarter million dollars and resources aggregate \$328,019.48. There is no famine in old DeSoto, prosperity and plenty reigns supreme.

Our sister town Fort Meade has a live board of trade. They are now negotiating for getting out a lot of advertising matter, showing the advantages of that favored section of Polk county. It would be well for Arcadia's board of trade to consider such a proposition.

No town in Florida is making more rapid strides in the way of improvement than Bowling Green. The News is proud to note this fact.

No county on earth can offer more inducement to the truck farmer than DeSoto county. The lands are fertile and the seasons just right.

If Arcadia needs one thing more than another that need is a modern hotel. Let us organize a stock company of home capital and build one.

Arcadia is the largest orange shipping point in Florida.

Will there be an up-to-date hotel?

Quite a crowd of ladies and gentlemen stopping at the Southern went out to a cane grinding Wednesday evening at the home of Hon. D. W. Brown. To hear them talk of how much juice they drank, our sympathy would naturally be with Mr. Brown, for his production of syrup will be reduced considerably by their visit.

A "Reader" sends in the following: "The lightning bug is brilliant, but he hasn't any mind, he meanders through the darkness with his headlight on behind. Likewise the foolish merchant, whom no one can advise, he claims there's 'nothin' doing' when asked to advertise."—Troy Record.

There will be a meeting of the Merchants Protective Association on Monday night in the office of the secretary, Col. W. E. Leitner. Every member is requested to be present.

## Marriage Licenses.

Since last report there have been marriage licenses issued to the following named parties:

W. R. Whidden and Effie Patrick.  
J. R. Carver and Miss A. A. Tucker.  
C. W. Whidden and Jennie Carver.  
G. S. Langford and Iva Wetzel.  
R. M. Phillips and Miss A. Johnson.  
Lee Hicks and Josie Jenkins.  
Fred B. Langford and Laura C. Lewis.  
D. H. Driggers and Josephine Driggers.

## Hotel Arrivals.

H. C. Goldstein, Punta Gorda; H. L. Corwin, Jacksonville; E. U. Nore, New Orleans; E. E. Collins, Ellaville, Ga.; J. G. Bowers, Kokomo, Ind.; J. S. Franz, J. P. Campbell, J. H. Gee, Jacksonville; Mrs. M. E. Goldsmith, M. E. Goldsmith, Jr., Bartow; W. D. Bell, Fort Myers; S. Dunlap, Jacksonville; T. R. L. Daughters, Jacksonville; Veterinary W. P. Link, Bartow; Julius S. Solomon, Tallahassee; Jos. R. Stokler, A. R. Swan, Newport; Geo. S. Williams, Knoxville, Tenn.; C. J. Bishop, New York; Rev. W. P. Brown, Punta Gorda; S. Burton, Cleveland, O.; D. B. Stewart, Baltimore, Md.; Lawyer J. W. Brady, M. Reed, Bartow, Fla.; D. W. Mizell, Pine Level; Alex. Page, Jacksonville; H. M. Craft, Zolfo, Fla.; J. C. Hunter, Jno A. Perdue, Atlanta, Ga.; W. W. Henry, A. Le Conte, New York; M. E. Goldsmith, Bartow; J. D. O'Hern, T. Delk, G. D. Moon, Tampa; Dr. D. G. Mac Keithan, Jacksonville; J. K. Thornton, J. N. Cope, land, A. L. Dennett, Atlanta, Ga.; H. R. Northrup, Syracuse, N. Y.; Z. H. Simons and wife, Zolfo; H. G. Marsh, E. J. Joseph, Savannah; Chas. H. Dutton, Williamsport, Pa.; H. C. Clark, Geo. Willer, E. Bradford, Tampa; E. W. Wiggins, Fla.; J. G. Thompson, Philadelphia; Jos. Mercer, Tallahassee; C. Sanders, Indiana; V. E. Ostyee, Jacksonville; C. G. Hurston and wife, Hamilton, Ga.; C. H. Preston, T. E. Ezkiel, Norfolk, Va.; B. W. Willis, Harry Wood, St. Louis; A. B. Medlin, Tampa, Fla.; D. D. Yates, New York; Mr. and Mrs. Goodman, W. H. Ott, J. J. Weed, W. J. Luster, Neat Aggar, New York; A. H. Langford, Paris, Tenn.; D. C. DuPre, C. J. Hessay, Jacksonville; A. B. McNeil, Elorida; Jas. Sawyer, Philadelphia, Pa.; H. B. Lempe, Savannah, Ga.; L. D. Ewen, Atlanta, Ga.; F. W. Brooks, Cambridge, N. J.; J. R. McLean, St. Petersburg, Fla.; R. D. Anderson, W. S. Arkens, V. V. Sharpe, Tampa.

## Ladies' Musicales Club.

The Ladies' Musicales Club met Friday, Feb. 9th, at the home of Mrs. J. N. Hollingsworth, every member being present.

At the meeting it was voted that the Ladies' Musicales Club join the Florida Federation of Women's clubs. After the business session the following program was rendered:

Piano—La Fleurette.... A. Wellesly  
Mrs. Perry Brown.  
Piano—Three Sonatas.... Beethoven  
Mrs. T. B. King.  
Piano—Apple Blossoms.... Roberts  
Mrs. E. A. Houston.  
Song—Good Night Little Girl, Good Night..... J. C. Macy  
Mrs. D. L. McSwain.  
Piano—Century March.... Burgherlin  
Mrs. W. H. Seward.  
Piano Maiden's Prayer.... Badarzenska  
Mrs. R. E. Brown.  
Piano—Star of the Sea.... Kennedy  
Mrs. C. Hayman.  
Piano—Heinwe.....  
Mrs. Mitchell.

After the program, Mrs. Hollingsworth entertained the Club with "The Wedding of the Operas" the prize was won by Mrs. J. H. Trendwell—"Waltz Caprice" by Clam-made. The guests were served with delicious refreshments and each member presented with a bouquet of violets. All went away, happy thanking Mrs. Hollingsworth for a very pleasant afternoon.

## Hotel Royal

MRS. DONALDSON, Proprietress

Thoroughly renovated. All newly furnished.

A home away from home. Commercial custom catered to.

RATES, \$2.00 PER DAY.

Special rates by the week for home trade.

To the Cattle Men  
OF DE SOTO COUNTY

THOMPSON & HAND Build and Repair all kinds of Wire Fences. Contracts for large pastures solicited.

THOMPSON & HAND, Fort Myers, Fla.

C. M. JOHNSON.

ROBERT W. CAMPBELL.

## JOHNSON &amp; CAMPBELL

Real Estate Dealers

Timber Lands, Town Property,

Grazing Lands and Orange Groves

Twenty Years' Experience in South Florida Lands

Correspondence Solicited. Rooms 5 and 6 DeSoto Block.

## STILL DOING BUSINESS

At the Same Old Stand

Plenty of Hardware, Building Material,

Furniture, Plows and Cultivators

A Complete Line of Undertakers' Supplies

Solid car of the famous Disc Harrows

the best Wagons on earth

Wagon and Carriage Shop

Horseshoeing a Specialty

Save \$\$\$ by trading with L. L. MORGAN

Satisfaction Guaranteed

## Sewing Machines

All Standard Makes of Pianos, Organs  
and Musical Goods

## SHEET MUSIC

SAME PLACE. SAME GOODS. SAME TERMS

T. J. Lawton's Old Stand

MASONIC BUILDING

SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES FOR RENT  
IN VAULTS OF  
FIRST NATIONAL BANK

THE PROPER RECEPTACLE FOR

Deeds, Policies and All Important Documents

FIRE and BURGLAR PROOF. PRICES \$3 and \$5 PER YEAR

## Job Printing!

All the newest styles and best prices.

## M. L. BRYAN

(Next Door to Bakery)

For Fruits, Confectionery,  
Bicycles and Bicycle Repair

Orange Trees  
FOR SALE

If you want the best Nursery stock in DeSoto County, at reasonable prices, see me before buying.

## J. J. Heard

Arcadia - - - Florida

## GORDON KELLAR

High Art Clothier and Furnisher

TAMPA, FLORIDA

Wholesale Clothing, Hats, Shoes, Underwear,  
Shirts, Overalls, Etc.

Write for Samples and Prices on the Latest Styles of  
Shoes and Suits.

## W.G. WELLES

NOCATEE, FLA.

MANUFACTURER OF ROUGH AND DRESSED

## Yellow Pine Lumber

and all kinds of Fruit  
and Vegetable Boxes  
and Crates.

DEALER IN

## General Merchandise

A House with a Reputation  
THIRTY-SIX YEARS BUSINESS IN FLORIDA

Remember us when in need of Musical instruments or supplies

All instruments standard makes, and the terms are most reasonable

A complete stock of Victor Talking Machines and records

When in the city call at our store and refresh yourself with some good music.

Ludden & Bates Sou. Music House,

Branch Store at Arcadia, Florida.

J. FLETCHER PACE, Manager.