

Department of the South Florida Sun, Avon Park, Fla.

The Beautiful Lake Region

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Dr. Griffin, dentist, came in Sunday and went away again on Monday.

Munsey B. Carson of Frostproof, was in town on business awhile on Saturday last.

Rev. S. J. Townsend went to Frostproof on Tuesday on account of the illness of his relative, Mr. Updegraff.

Mrs. Seyms of Hartford, Conn., whose daughter has been here several weeks with Miss Erwin, came in from the railroad last Sunday.

On Wednesday, April 4th, Mrs. S. A. Palmer and her little boy, and Mrs. W. H. Daugherty started for Ohio. Mrs. D. will return in the fall.

Dr. J. C. Davis, oculist and optician, came with the mail-carrier the evening of March 28, spent the 29th here, according to appointment and went away in the morning of the 30th.

Born—At Bowling Green, Fla., Saturday, March 31st at noon, to Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Minor, a daughter. Sincere congratulations to the happy parents from all their Avon Park friends, are felt, whether uttered or unexpressed.

Friday, April 6th, closes the eight months of school that we have had this school year. There will be closing exercises Friday afternoon if the present program is carried out. We will have something to say of it in the next paper.

The election appointed by the county school board to be held at our school house on Saturday, March 31, was held according to appointment. There were 17 votes cast, all of which were for the extension of the Avon Park special tax school district.

The orange and pomelo groves everywhere in sight are very beautiful now covered all over with the glossy, shining, light green foliage of the new growth, quite covering the darker green of the natural foliage of the growth of former years.

After being sick and helpless for a good many weeks and growing no better but steadily worse, Lieut. Wells' mule was quietly "Osterized" last week, Friday, not however by the identical means suggested by the famous doctor to be used on human subjects.

It was Mrs. Page of Chicago from Sunnyside cottage, who left the Park Tuesday, March 27th, instead of Miss Flagg from Andersonia, as we mistakenly wrote in the local notes of last week. "To err is human," and it is not unnatural to be human.

The Congregational people are at work upon the fence that is to enclose their church lot. The lot is about 140 feet wide by 360 feet in length from front to rear. The woven wire fence is of the kind known as the American field fence, substantial without the terrible barbs.

We were a little "too previous" in our announcement last week of the departure of Miss Erwin and Miss Seyms. Within ten minutes of the time they were to start they took advantage of the standing privilege of all ladies, and changed their minds, much to the gratification of their friends who were to remain longer.

Mrs. Seyms, who arrived here from St. Au. last Sunday, her daughter, Miss Seyms and Miss Erwin left on Wednesday for St. Augustine. We are told that the young ladies have thoroughly enjoyed their stay here and that Miss Erwin expresses her determination to return here next season because she likes the natural, simple, unconventional life here.

We were informed more than a week ago of the marriage of Guy Lansing Tyler, but were requested to make no mention of it until this week, when we would surely receive a regular announcement. But at the very last moment, as we have not received any announcement, we will state what we have on good information as we believe. Mr. Tyler was married at Bristol, Fla., March 25th, 1906, to Miss Vancilla V. Williams. They are living at Estifanaga, on the Apalachicola river about 50 miles up the river from the city of Apalachicola. We wish them a lifetime of true happiness.

The announcement by John W. Burton of his candidacy for representative of DeSoto county in the legislature appears in this department of the News. The voters of this precinct will read his platform of principles there set forth, and we doubt not, will give due weight to his claims upon their support in the coming primary. He will be here to advocate his cause himself during the campaign and he is fully able to do it.

We are getting some cool weather for the season with wind from north-west and north. Sunday, April 1st, the highest temperature was 69 and the lowest 49. Monday the 2nd, the highest was 70, lowest 46 degrees. The 30th of March was a day of peculiar weather, mainly cloudy, but the sun came out frequently, the wind blew from nearly every direction by spells, with little gusty showers often, but amounting to only 17-100ths of an inch precipitation.

W. S. Butler has just put up a woven wire fence around six lots that he has bought just north of the Congregational church. He has also completed a good plank sidewalk from his residence on Pleasant street 280 feet east to Park avenue, thence south along the front of Block 50, which he owns with the exception of two lots, and on, to the Congregational church, making nearly 1,000 lineal feet of sidewalk from his house to the church.

A great exodus of winter people from the park is set for this week. These words are being written on Tuesday evening, April 3rd. Before they are in type, Mr. Dart, hotel manager, and his family and guests will be gone. And a number of others, not of the hotel, will also be gone. We will not be able to give their names in time for this week's paper, but will in the next. Dr. McCartney and family and Mr. Kimball, and perhaps some others will be likely to stay several weeks yet.

Attention, Orange Growers!

The orange growers of Avon Park and vicinity are earnestly invited to meet at Sargent's hall Saturday, April 14th, at 3 o'clock p. m., to compare experiences in marketing their fruit the past season, and more particularly to report to each other on the following points:

1. The number of boxes of fruit sold the past season.
2. The names of all commission houses with whom you have dealt, so that we may learn what firms are honest and reliable and worthy of our continued patronage, and also to make a "black-list" of all the firms that have proved to be unreliable and dishonest; and,
3. To consider what local conditions may, in some instances, have depressed the prices of our fruit, and to suggest and consider remedies for the same.
4. To take notice of the annual meeting of our State Horticultural Society.

E. E. RICHARDSON,
President Avon Park Horticultural Society.
O. R. THACHER, Secretary.

A Fine Grove.

We were in John Burke's citrus grove last week for the first time in many months, to take a good look at it. We had often noticed, during the last few months, its fine color and generally fine appearance from a distance, but in this instance it was not true that "distance lends enchantment to the view," for a closer inspection revealed only more clearly the health, thrift, beauty and promise of the grove as a whole and of nearly every individual tree.

The trees of bearing age are nearly all blooming heavily. There are quite a number of seedling orange trees in the grove, and this year, for the first time, many of them have put on a fine bloom. A crop of a thousand boxes seems to be a moderate expectation from the bloom in sight. Mr. George Edmiston, who planted the grove and lived in it for years, would be pleased to see it now. It has changed wonderfully since he saw it last.

Jasper News: It is a fearful state of affairs when those to whom is entrusted the execution of the laws, ignore the laws and oppress the poor, because of their ignorance and poverty. It is a shame, a burning shame.

Reading Notice.

Special standard fertilizers for oranges, melons, cukes, beans and all other crops. Apply to James P. DePass.

About Dogs.

We clip from that excellent home and farm paper, the Florida Agriculturalist, the following pointed and pertinent questions:

The Fruit Grower's Journal publishes some questions about dogs that are quite hard to answer, without deciding against the dogs.

A Few Questions.—Which do you think is the most profitable on a farm, sheep or dogs?

Is the present prosperity of the country and the unequal distribution of its wealth attributable to the dogs of the country?

Are dogs responsible for the schools and churches of the country, or for poorhouses?

Is the number of dogs a man possesses a measure of his intelligence and good citizenship?

Are a hundred live quails of more profit to a farming community than a man with a shotgun and a couple of dogs trying to kill the quails?

About how many dogs should a man own, who is not able to buy school books for his children?

If a woman has to take in washing to support the family, how many dogs ought her husband to keep?

If there was not a dog in the United States would the country go to the "demnition bow-wow" for want of them?

We shall never know, I presume, as to the last question.—Ed. Sun.

Announcement.

To the Voters of DeSoto County: In announcing my candidacy for the office of Representative for DeSoto county, to be voted for in the Democratic primaries, 1906, I deem it proper to define my position on the issues which confront us.

I am unalterably opposed to the "drainage tax," and favor a repeal of the recent act providing therefor.

The need of our state is higher education; our educational laws should be stable; I am therefore opposed to any and all efforts to repeal the Buckman bill or to interfere with the location of the University at Gainesville.

I favor the Railroad Commission, and believe that it should be given greater authority and power.

Our systems of pardons has done violence to the enforcement of criminal laws; I therefore favor an amendment thereof.

The old soldiers known as the "Home Guard" are not included in the provisions of our pension laws; this omission should be corrected.

I favor the establishment of a system of public abstracts.

Upon these principles, and others of less prominence which I shall present to you during the campaign, I solicit your support and vote; and assure you that if I am elected I will endeavor by fearless and conscientious service to merit your endorsement.

JOHN W. BURTON

Self Congratulation.



"Why? Because you'd have a lot of sore throat if you had that neck?"
"No. Because the cops would find it so easy to spot me."

The Dread Bamboo Bloom.

In some parts of China the natives are in dread of the bloom of the bamboo, at which season all kinds of dreadful disasters are predicted and confidently looked for. Like some other superstitions, this one has a slight foundation. The fact is that the bamboo only flowers once and then dies, and as a rule the whole lot of plants, often covering large areas, bloom together. The reason of this is that the individuals of a species are commonly gregarious and all are of the same age, having taken simultaneous possession of ground rendered vacant perhaps by a similar depopulation. A somewhat analogous case is presented by some of the strobilanthus of tropical Asia. These plants live about seven years, then all burst out into a glorious mass of blue flowers and then die away, leaving, it may be, hundreds of acres of ground destitute of the luxuriant vegetation it previously supported.

Language is a solemn thing. It grows out of life—out of its agonies and ecstasies, its wants and its weariness. Every language is a temple in which the soul of those who speak it is enshrined.—O. W. Holmes.

Mrs. Cooper's Place.

The home of Mrs. Anna B. Cooper, formerly the Rood place, has been greatly improved within the past three months. A new, broad veranda on the west and north sides, extending around to the kitchen on the east side, adds greatly to the comfort of the house and its finished appearance. It has been painted recently a clear white, trimmed with green. The windows have been newly cased up inside the house with selected curly pine, and everything about the house is to be put into perfect order. The view of the lake and town from the veranda is hardly equalled from any other point of view. Mrs. Cooper has five acres of land, much of it grove, and most of the trees though young, are coming on well. Just across the street from this place, to the north, is the lower part of William King's fine young bearing grove.

A Bold Holdup.

In broad daylight between ten and eleven o'clock on Monday last at Brown's Gents' Furnishing Store, corner Oak street and DeSoto avenue, a pair of non-rustable 50c suspenders held up a pair of \$6 pants for a well satisfied customer.

Moral: Brown's goods are good goods always. 221

Notice.

The registration books will open in all districts in the county Monday, April 2, 1906, and will be open two days in each week in all districts. Days to be designated by the district supervisors, and at county seat three days—Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays, and will close in all districts Saturday, April 28, 1906, according to law.

H. A. ELLIS,
Supervisor of Registration.

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Respectfully,
OWEN H. PARKER.

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