FLORIDA POULTRY ADVANTAGES.

An advantage Florida poultry raisers have over those of more northerly states is somewhat like that our vegetable growers have over those of the same latitudes. It has not been exploited as we believe it should and will be. C. R. Hill, secretary of the Jacksonville Poultry Association, suggests that the fact that chickens hatched in January and February in this state do as well as those hatched in March, April or May elsewhere, is one that has not drawn the attention of Floridians as it should. High bred stock hatched in January or February could be shipped to northern fanciers at five months of age and finished off for the December shows. There would be large profits in such procedure.

If it were more generally known that birds can be, and are, hatched in Florida that are two to three months old at a time when they are just considering the expediency of hatching in more northern latitudes, there would be more or less demand for them in those parts. In the matter of show birds this is a great advantage. But it also applies to "utility fowls" as well.

Many persons would rather start with day-old or month-old chicks than have the trouble and expense of running an incubator. As is well known, a professional poultry raiser can always bring off a larger percentage of eggs entrusted to the incubator than can any amateur. With such chicks there is only the brooder to bother with. The Florida producer can deliver healthy chicks two or three months earlier than the northern producer can. January and February hatches produce winter layers.

It needs no more trouble than an advertising campaign conducted by the producer directly or through one of the advertising agencies that can save an advertiser as much, or more, than the fees they charge. Judicious advertising would greatly increase the market for Florida chicks.

A significant fact developed by the late poultry show in this city is worthy of attention. It is this: Much comment was made by northern and foreign poultry experts on the size and quality of the birds on exhibition. Some attributed this, rightly, we think, to the mildness of our climate allowing the fowls to spend their days out of doors the year 'round, and to sleep in open, well ventilated houses. The domestic fowl, the chicken, originated in a climate warmer than this, even. Next year's show should make a feature of this, inviting northern poultry writers and show people to visit it and note this point.

By stressing this advantage it may come to pass that it will be an added recommendation to any bird that the strain it came from was of Florida fowls. At all events, it indicates that it is more profitable to buy eggs for hatching and day-old chicks from Florida growers than from those of any other state. If the birds of this state tend to larger size and better quality than those of other states, our poultry raisers should consider these indications and aid nature by keeping strains of Florida-bred poultry.—Jacksonville Times-Union.

THE CALAMITY HOWLERS.

What will the calamity howlers do for material with which to defeat the democratic party this year? Since the civil war, the few times democratic presidents have been elected, unfortunately, each time was when conditions of finance were so critical that a panic resulted. These panics were not the result of the democratic administrations, but were due to conditions that were prevailing before the democratic presidents came into office, and burst forth during their terms. As panics are the result of conditions that take years to bring about, it would be foolish to say that one that burst forth as soon as, or soon after the election of a democratic president was due to the management of his administration. The only explanation that could be possible must be that the seed that brought about the panic were sown years before. However true this is, the fact has always been, that the American people have held the administration in power at the time the panic occurred, responsible for it, and have always turned them out of power at the succeeding election.

The calamity howlers will have to hunt other timber in the coming campaign. We are now in the midst of a period of the most remarkable prosperity since we have been a nation. Agents of the federal reserve banks tell practically the same story for every district in the whole country. The only complaints in the business world now come from a shortage of cars, and in some sections a shortage of labor. Usually in the past when we have had waves of prosperity strong enough to get rid of the unemployed, they have been times of scarcity of capital. Seldom have we had both a shortage in unemployed and an abundance of capital and credit as we now have.

With this "bugaboo" out of the way everything points to another democratic victory with Woodrow Wilson at the head of the ticket.

President Wilson must envy the czar, who can make everybody happy, contented and ready to endorse his policies by just appearing in the duma with a bow and a smile and reading a polite and harmless speech written for him by an efficient secretary.—Brockton Times.

President Wilson doesnt even have to bow and smile. All he has to do is to announce his policies and the democratic papers will endorse them. Then if he takes a notion to reverse them the next day they will endorse him for reversing them.—Times-Union.

President Wilson's policies are usually correct. The fact is, we do not recall an error in his administration, except where he said expediency should never be resorted to, and his present "doggedness" of disposition in not at least warning our people that there is great danger in traveling on armed vessels owned by the enemy of a nation that has openly avowed the intention of destroying them. We fully appreciate the principle involved and our obligation in the matter just as much as Mr. Wilson does, yet if our boy had to set sail for Europe tomorrow we would admonish him not to take passage on an vessel belonging to one of Germany's enemies. Our government owes this duty to one of its children just as much as we owe it to our natural child.

But this is not what we started to say. We do not like to agree with the Times-Union in its criticism of the democratic press and of Mr. Wilson, but we use this article to show to the Times-Union that there is at least one paper that is subservient to the will of no one.

But we will go further. We have read so many democratic papers within the past few days that are calling the members of congress cowardly for not supporting the policy of the president, especially when at heart and in their judgment they think the president is carrying the matter a step too far. We feign must believe that while the Times-Union is wrong in charging the democratic press as a whole as changing with every mood of the president, yet we can see there are a sufficient number of leading democratic papers supporting his every whim to justify some such remark by the Times-Union. The policy of this paper is to support a man when he is right, or a principle when it is right, regardless of the results. It is an insult to congress to demand that it support any administration policy that it does not believe to be correct, and yet that is the very thing that scores of democratic papers are doing. Gentlemen, quit publishing such rot as this, if you would continue to wield an influence over your readers.

A. M. WILSON ENDORSED.

Editor DeSoto County News:

Dear Sir: I desire to bear the following testimony in behalf of the Hon. A. M. Wilson, candidate for state senator from the 27th senatorial district, which embodies Manatee and DeSoto counties. I have known Gus Wilson from boyhood days, and know that he has lived a life of service to his fellow man, and is ever ready to work for the causes which he thinks are to the best interests of the people. The writer thinks it would be difficult to find a man in the district who would give more untiringly and unselfishly his time and talents to the onerous duties of this important office than he. From our boyhood days till now, "though many years have elapsed," I have never heard an unkind criticism of him.

A life long friend,

O. A. ALBRITTON.

Lily, Fla.

STATE G. A. R. TO MEET IN TAMPA.

Tampa, March 4.—A. H. Terry Post of this city has arranged for the use of the Tampa Bay grounds for the meeting of the Florida G. A. R. during their annual convention which will be held here March 21 and 22.

An interesting program has been arranged and it is expected that several hundred veterans will be in attendance.

The convention will open with a meeting of the committee on credentials at the Tampa Bay Casino on the morning of March 21 at 9:30. At 10:30 adjournment will be taken for the parade.

The encampment will continue throughout the day and the veterans will enjoy a campfire on the following evening.

BIG OIL BOOM IS ON AT SEFFNER.

Seffner, March 4.—Interest not only is continued, but is growing more pronounced as the hours pass, in the reputed discovery of oil in a well on the property of Mrs. W. H. Graves, at this place.

Mrs. Leah B. Holmes of Valrico, who formerly lived in Pennsylvania, and who has had experience in oil fields, believes that the find is really crude oil and organizing a company to handle the output, the necessary arrangements for the purchase of the property having already been made.

The well in which the petroleum deposits are believed to have been found was dug many years ago on the property of Mrs. W. H. Graves, about one-half mile east of Seffner. The well, which was intended only for domestic purposes, was sunk to a depth of seventy-five feet. In the digging of the well a considerable quantity of a black, oily substance was encountered and it was some weeks before this could be removed and water suitable for use could be obtained. At frequent intervals since that time there has been a recurrence of this discharge, continuing for three or four weeks at a time. Little attention was paid this phenomenon except on account of the annoyance it occasioned by depriving the owners of the use of the well for the purposes intended.

Many persons who have examined the well have declared that the discharge was that of petroleum and have urged Mr. and Mrs. Graves to have it analyzed, but being advanced in years and well provided for financially, they have not cared to assume the responsibilities of what might prove an extensive proposition.

FLOWERS BY ROADSIDE.

The movement in Macon to have all the waste places of the city bloom with the gardens of the children of the neighborhood, taken care of on a sort of community idea of application and co-operation, will do much, if carried out successfully, to improve the appearance of a city already noted for both its natural and developed beauty.

As an example of what can be done in this respect, one has only to note what the firemen have achieved in their spare time in front of some of the fire stations, with particular reference to the plot of ground at the Hardeman avenue depot. It takes little enough work to dress up an out-of-the-way corner or lot, and in this land of floral profusion to have it in a short time blooming in a riot of color.

There is another angle, however, to be considered in having the children do the work, and that is the effect flowers have on people, especially on the young, if they are taught to love them for their own sake. Any one who has a real and persistent love for flowers is not liable to drift into mental processes leading to the every day things that are sordid and bad and vile. The love of the beautiful is closely akin to a deep and spiritual righteousness. Once implanted in the hearts of the young it never leaves them. Men are better, finer and by no means weaker for it; women are sweeter, more delicate in spirit and more womanly.

This is a land in which we do not stop long enough by the roadside, or wander down the quiet bypaths enough, anyhow. It is not meet that men and women should drive and push and travel at top speed all the time, no matter how worthy the goal, nor how impelling the urge. Attainments are so often barren when one reaches them, and so often comes the bitter reflection that there were so many flowers, so many resting places, so many meadows to play in along the way, but all ignored; how much was lost that never can come again! So it is with these flower gardens we propose to plant along the ways of the city. If some may be tempted to linger by them for a moment, if even they only rest the eye of the hastening wayfarer as he brushes past them with but a glance in his hurry, they will not have been in vain.—Macon Telegraph.

JOHN BULL'S MISTAKE.

Sir Edward Grey, the English secretary of state for foreign relations, said in the house of commons yesterday that certain cartoons that were being published by some English papers in regard to American diplomacy were of such a character as to threaten to injure the good relations existing between the two countries.

We know that there is a certain English periodical known as "Punch" which corresponds to our American "Life" and "Puck," and that it very often contains some humorous thrusts at American people and affairs. Sir Edward Grey, however, mistakes our disposition as a nation when he says that such forms of humor, in which no people indulge more freely than we do, may endanger the good relations existing between the two nations. We enjoy a good joke, even if it is on us. Even if we were inclined to get angry at such cartoons, we believe that if we knew they furnished any amusement for our dry and sedate cousins across the water, who are so devoid of humor that our best jokes must be retold to them several times before they see them, we would be willing to take a little, rather than be deprived of the very unusual privilege of seeing John Bull crack a smile.

A NEW ORANGE.

The Winter Park Hybrid is the name of a new orange that has been 'discovered' in Winter Park, and the Winter Park Post says that it is going to be a big winner in the markets of the country in the years to come. The orange is described as having "the general shape and kid glove quality of the tangerine, the color and odor of the pineapple orange, while the pulp has the combined flavor of the King and the full ripe Valencia." The Post says that when the orange is peeled the skin gives off the pungent, aromatic odor of the sour orange, but the juice is sweet and melting. The tree is the property of M. E. Gillett, who has tried to find out just where to locate the new orange—but on consultation with experts and thorough examination, is unable to place the fruit in any previously known class. The tree will be carefully removed to a green house and extensive budding will be done by the owner, who expects to be able to furnish the budded trees, ready for planting, in about three years.—Times-Union Short Talks.

THE GOOD "EYE MEDICINE."

Professor James, teacher of psychology at Harvard, in his talks to teachers and students, has an excellent chapter on blindness—the inability of one kind of being to understand what the other does.

Dog and man are associated on intimate terms, but neither can understand the other.

Man cannot understand the pleasure that a dog finds in a bone hidden under a hedge. The dog is puzzled, seeing his master sit hour after hour looking at a book, when he might be out chasing cats.

Professor James tells also of African savages in amazement watching a white explorer fixedly looking at a newspaper, the first he had seen for months.

He read every column, every word, and the savages looked on. When he finished they offered to pay him whatever he liked in ivory for that wonderful paper. Knowing they couldn't read, he asked them why they wanted the paper. They said they wanted it for "eye medicine."

"We know that you would not keep your eyes fixed on that thing so long unless it were very wonderful eye medicine. Our eyes trouble us sometimes, and we want to buy the eye medicine at any price you like."

A newspaper ought to be the best possible kind of "eye medicine."

It should be pleasing to the eye, in typography that is legible, pictures that are artistic, make-up that is not confusing, with presswork which presents sharp contact and clear imprint.

It ought to send into the brain, through the eyes, all the medicine that the human intellect needs—the truth in news, honest criticism and generous praise.—Atlanta Georgian.

MONTHLY REPORT.

Pete McDermond, who was recently appointed registrar of vital statistics for Arcadia and vicinity, makes the following report of the deaths and births from the time he went into office until March the first. The following is the monthly report of vital statistics:

Total number of births to March in Arcadia and vicinity, 63.

Total number of deaths to March in Arcadia and vicinity, 5.

White births, 54.
White deaths, 5.
Colored births, 9.
Colored deaths, 0.
Births in Arcadia, 45.
Births in Brownville, 7.
Births in Lily, 3.
Births in Nocatee, 3.
Births in Limestone, 2.
Births in Pine Level, 1.
Births in Lansing, 1.
Births in Gardner, 1.

Respectfully submitted,

PETE McDERMOND.
Registrar of Vital Statistics.

CARD OF THANKS.

To Our Friends:

We take this opportunity to extend our deep and sincere thanks to our many friends for the expressions of sympathy, beautiful floral offerings and kind condolence extended to us during our recent bereavement.

MR. AND MRS. J. G. KING AND DOROTHY KING.

EDUCATE THE CHILDREN TO RESPECT THE LAW.

It takes a long, weary time for a whole lot of people to learn fundamental truths of paramount importance that are perfectly obvious to others. Nothing could be plainer than that law is necessary to civilization, and that obedience to it is the duty of every citizen, and yet in our own country the practical negation of these simple truths by thousands of people supposed to be civilized is constantly in evidence.

Because of the weak enforcement of law the old-time respect for it has largely disappeared, and up in Georgia, for instance, where murder in the open by lynching mobs has become an almost weekly occurrence and the lynchers laugh at the law, leading newspapers don't hesitate to declare that anarchy prevails in certain parts of the state. It is a terrible condition, and the more terrible because the law abiding class is not aroused to the danger and nothing is being done to provide a remedy. Public sentiment is asleep while the spirit of anarchy is abroad and the murderous work of the anarchists goes on unchacked.

This means that fear of the law has vanished and the work of re-civilization must be begun over again at the bottom. The children in the schools and in their homes must be taught respect for and obedience to the law, and the Athens Banner, a well and wisely edited paper in Georgia, gets to the right solution of the problem when it uses this language, which is good for every other state, as well as Georgia:

"The young people of the state must learn that law is for a purpose—to protect the law abiding. The children must recognize early that the officers of the law are to be respected—for the law they stand by, for the government they represent. With a generation of young people in whose natures is ingrained the reverence for law, the love of order, the respect for officers—the problem will soon be solved. And while precept is fine and theory is necessary, example is better and practice is quicker in the process of teaching. If parents and adults generally will take care to be law abiding and law respecting in the presence of children they will soon be law abiding and law respecting at all times. And if children realize that parents and other adults they know really revere the law—they will respect the law. As in many other needed reforms, the heart of the matter is in the education of the growing generation, the citizens who are soon to be."—Lakeland Telegram.

FLORIDA'S GREAT SEASON.

The Cincinnati Enquirer, one of the greatest papers in the middle west, has the following to say of what it is pleased to call Florida's Great Season:

"Railway and steamship companies report that the greatest number of tourists and other visitors to Florida that have ever been transported by them have been carried into Florida this winter.

"The travel for the past two weeks has been specially heavy, many of the popular trains being run in four sections daily during that period, and it is thought that the travel from the north to Florida will continue very heavy up to March 15.

"Florida has never before enjoyed such business prosperity as is now witnessed throughout the state in every section of it.

"Automobiles by the thousands from the states to the north of the peninsula are carrying their full capacity of tourists over the splendid roads which the state now possesses, while houseboats, cruisers and other motor boats are laden with passengers and traversing every nook and corner of the state's beautiful and delightful waterways.

"Real estate dealers report numerous sales of lands to actual settlers, and the entire business atmosphere of the state is now that of the bristling, busy, north and west and east.

"There is not a trace of the 'manana' of the Spaniards left now in Florida, and there is not a state in the Union that can show for this present decade such a large percentage of gain in population as can the state of Florida, which Ponce de Leon made known to the world.

"The stoppage of travel to Europe, Asia and Africa has concentrated in Florida the birds of passage, and combined with those who each winter seek a mild climate, the state is fairly swarming with visitors who are greatly enjoying the delights of the semi-tropical climate. The majority of the industries of the state were never so active as now, and the productions of the state never so diversified as at the present time.

"The soil of the greater part of the state has proved marvelously fertile, and the extensive and systematic drainage operations carried on for so many years have reached a stage that has proved their immense utility, and have redeemed and made valuable millions of acres of useless land for agriculture.

"Florida is makin gsuch progress in agriculture, manufacturing and commerce that it is even exceeding in actual financial results the word painting and the imagery of the blue sky artists, who twenty years ago were so active in its praises and so exuberant in their hopes."

PERSONALLY ADOPTED BY HUFFAKER AND US.

Senator Gore, the blind political genius of Oklahoma, wants Americans to keep off the ships of belligerent countries. As usual, there is a lot of common sense in the senator's suggestions, which we have adopted. We can get all the trouble that is coming to us without teasing the submarines.—Tampa Times.

PORK PRODUCTION MAY BE STUDIED BY MAIL.

Interest in live stock raising is growing. From every part of the state and from other states inquiries are made constantly about hog raising. The number who can attend an institution where instruction in scientific pork production can be obtained is limited. To take care of this vast majority of farmers, the University of Florida College of Agriculture has recently added a mail course in pork production to the list of correspondence courses. This course takes up the types of swine, the principles of swine breeding, the breeds, feeding of swine with the various feeds that have been tried by experiment stations, the management, marketing and curing, buildings, sanitation, and diseases.

Fifteen correspondence courses are offered. Co-operation in agriculture and fertilizers and crops have also been added recently. Six courses have been revised and it is probable that one or two more will be revised within the next few weeks.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

FOR SALE—Pure bred O. I. C. pigs; beauties; $10.00 each; 2 months old. Mrs. James Carlton, Hicoria, Fla. 3-2-5tp

FOR SALE OR TRADE—New five room bungalow, close in. See Rupert Smith, The Land Man. 2-4

FOR SALE—Barred Rock and Buff Orpington eggs for setting. Also Tamworth Pigs. Apply to Saxon & Company, Brownville, Fla. 19-9-tf

WANTED TO BUY—Stove wood blocks in car load lots. See Rupert Smith. 1-19-tf

WANTED—Choppers to cut four foot wood. King Lumber & Mfg. Co., Nocatee, Fla. 2-24-3t

HOTEL FOR SALE—Will sell cheap for cash, a small hotel. Everything new and good; located in one of the best south Florida towns; a money getter. Cause for selling, I can't run it alone. Address Hotel, care this paper. 3-9-5tp