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## ROAD BONDS SELL AT PREMIUM

SPECIAL ROAD- AND BRIDGE DISTRICT BONDS IN DISTRICT NO. 2, LEE COUNTY, AMOUNTING TO \$164,000, ARE SOLD TO G. B. SAWYER & COMPANY, JACKSONVILLE, AT PAR, PLUS ACCRUED INTEREST, PLUS A PREMIUM OF \$1,000. COMMISSIONERS ALSO LET CONTRACT FOR BUILDING HARD SURFACED ROAD BETWEEN FORT MYERS AND NAPLES.

The Fort Myers Press says: "Bids were received Monday afternoon by the board of county commissioners for the bond issue authorized in special road and bridge district No. 2, in the sum of \$164,000, the entire issue being sold to G. B. Sawyer & Company, of Jacksonville, whose bid of par plus accrued interest, plus a premium of \$1,000, was accepted by the board. The issue, bids on which were received and rejected at the July meeting of the board, brought the highest price received for any bond issue to date in the county, and the commissioners were gratified in the result, which it was held more than justified their action in refusing former bids for the issue. Other bids received for the bonds were: United States Trust and Savings Bank, Jacksonville, \$164,250, with accrued interest; Field, Richards & Company, Cincinnati, \$162,589.60, with interest; J. C. Mayer & Co., Cincinnati, par with interest and a premium of \$5,000. The last bid was rejected on account of stipulations inserted in the bid.

In addition to the sale of the bond issue, the commissioners also let the contract for hard surfacing the entire road between Fort Myers and Naples in special road and bridge district No. 1, the contract being awarded to the Alabama Paving Company, whose bid of \$0.349 cents per square yard, was the lowest received. It is understood that the paving company will at once file a bond in 25 per cent. of the cost of the work, and that active construction will be undertaken at once. Shell will be used throughout, and it is expected that an oil cushion will be provided, although this will be handled aside from the main surfacing.

## ENTENTE ALLIES WILL PROTEST.

Washington, Sept. 6.—Draconic amendments to the revenue bill striking at the allied black list and British interferences with American mails, were adopted by the senate, and created consternation among the diplomatic representatives of the allies.

In allied quarters it was declared that the enactment of the amendment into law would constitute nothing less than a non-intercourse act, preliminary to a commercial warfare with possibilities of far reaching consequences.

Until the retaliatory amendments become law with the president's signature, the allies technically have nothing to protest about, but there are assurances that representations will be made if the amendments stay in the bill.

Inasmuch as the government had decided on a course of legislation to meet the restraints upon commerce which diplomatic correspondence has been unable to remove, it is generally expected the amendments will be put through.

The administration leaders who have intimate connection with the government's foreign policy made no attempt to stay their adoption.

## CARD OF THANKS.

To our many friends who were so kind to us during the sickness and death of our son and brother, we wish to extend our sincere thanks. May God bless each and every one of you abundantly.

MR. AND MRS. A. L. KING AND FAMILY.

J. E. Mobley, of Eagle Lake, a prosperous little town near Barrow, is in Arcadia today on business.

## ARCADIA AGAIN IN THE LIMELIGHT

FOR ELABORATE IMPROVEMENTS, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TODAY CONSIDERING THE CALLING OF AN ELECTION TO VOTE A \$500,000 BOND ISSUE FOR GOOD ROADS IN THE ARCADIA DISTRICT AND UNBONDED PORTIONS OF OTHER DISTRICTS.

The county commissioners are today considering the calling of a bond election for district 4 and contiguous territory, DeSoto county, for a \$500,000 bond issue for hard surface roads. Portions of the other four districts have heretofore been bonded for \$750,000, and contracts in construction are now under way.

The city of Arcadia is located in district 4, and with the recent bond issue of the city of \$250,000 for fifteen miles of street paving, city hall and sewerage system, places Arcadia right in the front rank of progressive cities. If the railways of America were the pioneers of civilization, the American Highway is civilized progression. The Romans built their highways first, their commerce and their cities followed and lined the terms of the highway, and they endure to this day. So it will be with any community, the highway is the gateway to prosperity, and DeSoto county and Arcadia is to be congratulated upon the firm steps now taken insuring the greatest era of progression in the entire history of the county.

JOHN F. SKIPPER.

Last Thursday, the 31st of August, the community in and around Lily was shocked to hear that Mr. John F. Skipper was dead. He was only sick a short time, having acute indigestion. He was 62 years of age, and had been a widower and several times a widower. His death was a great loss to the community, and was mourned as an orphan, and no doubt suffered privations that usually all who lose their parents suffer. Thirty-five years ago he came to this county, having lived here since. By close attention to his affairs he accumulated plenty of this world's goods, and we believe there is no one but what will say that Mr. Skipper got every dollar he ever made honestly. He was a good neighbor to all who had the privilege of living near him, and never turned away from his neighbor in time of trouble and need for anything that was in his power to give.

He was a good citizen that the whole county will miss, and one whose judgment in all things was worth listening to.

In a business way, we knew no man that we esteemed more highly than him, finding him at all times to be straight and honest in every respect, and the long confidential talks we had with him will always be pleasant memories.

His family will miss him, his neighbors will miss him, his county will miss him, all will miss him, but we believe that all that live the true Christian life will again see him and enjoy the privileges that will only be given those that are in heaven.

If there was ever a good, true Christian gentleman, we believe it was in the person of Mr. John F. Skipper, of Lily, Fla.

J. B. Selman.

## CARD OF THANKS.

On behalf of my mother, brothers and sisters, I take this method of expressing our great appreciation and thanks to the people of this community and Limestone for their kind assistance and tender words of sympathy which were bestowed on us in our great sorrow.

It is a great consolation to us to know that we have true friends, for it makes our troubles easier to bear.

Leoline Skipper.

Lily, Fla.

## THE WEATHER.

Maximum temperature . . . . .93  
Minimum temperature . . . . .79  
Set . . . . .81

## LARGE VOTE POLLED IN CITY PRIMARY

Interest in the city primary yesterday was fully attested by the size of the vote polled, the total number of votes cast being 472.

Iva G. Royall made a run-away race in the majority contest. The race for city marshal is between P. W. Harvard, the present incumbent, and Wes Ruan. A second primary will be necessary to settle this contest.

Tom Lawton is in the lead for tax collector, with J. S. Floyd second. A second primary will also be necessary to a choice in this race. Pete McDermond won in the race for reelection to the office of city clerk over his opponent, X. E. Coker, by a vote of 359 to 99.

The greatest interest was manifested in the race for city council. F. Morqus led the ticket in this race, with a total of 326 votes. James A. Timberlake, the candidate endorsed by the voters of proposed ward No. 2,

## FLORIDA COOL WEATHER SURPRISE TO NORTH.

Statement in "Florida First" Advertising Causes Much Comment.

Jacksonville, Sept. 6.—Two weeks ago today, with the thermometer in almost every part of the north in the neighborhood of 100 degrees and the humidity so great as to make the heat almost unbearable, it is estimated that ten million people opened their favorite Sunday papers to be confronted with a big, bold advertisement of the summer charms of Florida.

This ad., occupying a space of about a quarter page, inserted in leading Sunday papers from Boston to Topeka, was illustrated with an attractive design showing some of the summer activities of Florida and compelled attention by the prominent display lines, "The Days Are Pleasant and the Nights Delightful in Florida all Summer."

There followed a series of straight from the shoulder statements proving the contention that Florida is scarcely less delightful in summer than in winter, giving comparative temperature figures and explaining in detail wherein the location and shape of the state and its proximity to gulf and ocean cause it to be swept constantly by cool breezes.

As in the minds of most northern people there has been prevalent the mistaken idea that because Florida is warm in winter, necessarily it must be hot in summer, this advertisement naturally attracted widespread attention. Its appearance was at the psychological moment to make a profound impression, owing to the selection of date, on the advice of its advertising counsel, by the "Florida First Commission," which was responsible for its insertion.

Scores of letters were written to almost every one of the papers which carried the advertising, many of them questioning the statements made in it and others inquiring for further information as to how it could be possible for Florida to be cooler in summer than sections so much further north. Many of these letters were published, and as a result, the newspapers were flooded with other communications from persons who have lived in Florida, supporting all the claims made by the "Florida First Commission." In consequence of this letter writing the state has secured free space to several times the value of the paid advertising which was done.

It was the purpose of the commission in the insertion of this summer climate ad. to overcome the general feeling through the north that Florida must be unbearably hot in summer. Every operator in Florida lands has found this feeling to be the chief obstacle in securing the interest in this state as a place of year-round residence. The advertising of the commission to follow will emphasize the varied agricultural resources, and it was felt by the members that its efficiency would be greatly increased if the real facts in regard to summer

## VILLA PLANNING TO ATTACK

PERSHING'S FORCES ACCORDING TO BELIEF AT FUNSTON'S HEADQUARTERS. FUNSTON HAS TELEGRAM FROM GENERAL BELL AT EL PASO, CONTAINING INFORMATION AS TO THE LOCATION OF VILLA'S FORCES IN THE SANTA CLARA CANYON.

San Antonio, Texas, Sept. 6.—The possibility that Francisco Villa is making his way to the northeast with the intention of attacking General Pershing's expeditionary force was considered at General Funston's headquarters last night.

General Funston said he had received a telegram from General Bell at El Paso containing the gist of a report from General Gonzales in Juarez, in which the latter made the definite location of Villa's forces in the Santa Clara canyon. General Gonzales said he had dispatched troops to engage Villa.

Granting that General Gonzales' information is true, General Funston said he regarded it as not at all improbable that Villa was planning to engage the Americans, probably at some point where they are not great in strength.

"We may have some excitement soon," he observed. "Santa Clara canyon is so far south of the southernmost American detachment that there is no time to get ready for Villa's coming if he really is seeking combat."

The Mexican consulate here has received from Mexico City a dispatch which says that on Colonel Maximiano Feresi, a Legation leader captured in the Laguna district and executed, was found a document dated August 26, 1916, signed by Francisco Villa as general in chief, in which Villa appointed Feresi commander of all the chiefs who operate in the Laguna district.

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## CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

The services at the opera house last Sunday, conducted by Mr. Chester Sprague, pastor of the Christian church, were more than usually interesting. The subject for the morning service was the Death of Steven, and in the handling of this subject the speaker disclosed an exceptional familiarity with the persecutions of the Roman emperors and later under the Roman hierarchy.

At the evening service Mr. Sprague chose the subject of "Searching the Scriptures," and his comparison of the various books of the Bible with the palace of God was very interesting.

Next Sunday Mr. Sprague will preach in the morning on the subject of "Miracles," and at the evening service his subject will be "The Gracious Invitation." Everybody is cordially invited to all these services.

The Bible school begins promptly at 9:45 o'clock, followed immediately by preaching service and communion. Evening service begins at 7:30 o'clock. d&w.

## 50,000 MAJORITY IN INDIANA, SAYS TAGGART.

Washington, Sept. 6.—On July 27 Senator Senator Taggart sent out 3,500 letters into Indiana to precinct committeemen and prominent democrats, asking them to report to him whether or not President Wilson will lose any democratic votes, whether or not he will gain any republican votes, and thirdly, whether or not he will receive any progressive votes. They also were asked to report on general political conditions.

Senator Taggart states that he has received about 2,800 replies. "Of course," said he, "Mr. Wilson will lose some votes in certain parts of the state, so will every other candidate, perhaps, but the drift of the progressive vote to Wilson is so much greater and overshadows the loss so much that I feel safe in saying that Wilson will carry Indiana by 50,000 or more."

## ROUMANIANS RETREAT

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"On the northern front our army crossed the entire Dobruja frontier, energetically driving back advanced detachments of the enemy. We occupied Kurtburnar, after fighting in which we took 165 prisoners and two officers. The enemy retreated, leaving on the field hundreds of dead, as well as a great quantity of rifles and a quantity of material. One of our columns occupied Akkadulane. The march forward is proceeding on the entire line."

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Roumania's declaration of war, the dispatch adds, was so unexpected by Austria that only a few troops of the dual monarchy were on the Roumanian frontier, and these were not on guard when hostilities were begun. Half an hour before war was declared, Hungarian officers were drinking with Roumanians at a frontier railroad station. Soon afterwards a Roumanian outpost entered the station, took the officers as prisoners, and then captured quantities of materials. The Roumanian offensive was so sudden that the Austrians did not have time to blow up the bridges and tunnels.

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The contention in the allied memorandum that it is difficult, if not impossible, for war ships to distinguish between armed and merchant submarines, the American reply is understood to point out that it is equally difficult to point out the difference between sailing merchantmen who may have masked batteries.

Chester Sprague, pastor of the Christian church at this place, left Tuesday morning for St. Petersburg, his former home, to look after some business matters. He will return Friday evening over the East and West Coast Railroad.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Massman and children, of Arcadia, arrived in the city last evening, registering at the Leon Hotel, where they have engaged accommodations for a short stay prior to continuing to Captiva, where they contemplate an extended outing.—Fort Myers Press.

Hon. John Hagan, of Charlotte Harbor, is in the city today. Mr. Hagan is the county commissioner from his district.

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