

## THE CHAMPION

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tively in Advance.

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The trial of Edwards, for the murder of Carson last week at Ft. Myers resulted in a verdict of guilty and sentence, hanging. It is now up to the Governor to set the day.

The weather in Florida this summer may have been a little moist but we are not grumbling if the showers will keep the mercury down to an average of eighty degrees. We have lots to be thankful for!

Jno. S. Hazen, weather reporter for Tampa says July was the wettest month in seventeen years. Tampa had nearly fourteen inches of rainfall in July, and the average temperature was eighty. Twenty-five thunder storms also go to the credit of Tampa's July of this year. Quite a remarkable showing!

Whenever there is a breeze in Florida it is a cool one. And we can generally count on a breeze. All we have to do to be comfortable in the hottest weather is to find the shade and the breeze. When we talk of a breeze we don't mean a blizzard. Just a breeze! One that will blow your writing paper, or your tissue paper dress patterns, but not your hat off, Sabe?

If Albertus Vogt or anybody else has discovered a remedy for white fly on orange trees, he is a public benefactor. He says that one pound of pulverized copperas applied in the soil about an orange tree will drive the pests away. It is an easy remedy to get and we trust will be found all that is claimed for it. Altho DeSoto has no white fly so far, we live in constant fear and want our Manatee and Polk County neighbors to test the remedy.

There is no use trying to please some folks! Because Governor Broward is sending out literature explaining his position on the Everglade drainage question, some very careful and observing editors are exclaiming that he is wasting the State's money. But now that he calls on the public for help to furnish the postage on these documents these same editors find it a fit subject for unkind and uncalled for remarks. They are sure of one thing, they are against Broward and all he does! What the public doesn't know, but wants to, is why they are fighting something so bitterly that can by no possibility hurt their pocket books if put through. If they are not paid to fight the scheme it looks like it would be economy to use less space in opposing it.

Really, isn't DeSoto County going to try to make an exhibit at the State Fair? It is preposterous that we should be so narrow minded and non-progressive as to sit at home with folded hands while so splendid an opportunity to advertise our county is allowed to pass unheeded. We are sure that the people of the county at large would delight to assist in preparing a display if the proper encouragement was given. There was no effort made last year to arouse anybody to the situation and we allowed a few would-be-leaders, who are

only in favor of schemes by which they can be personally benefitted to discourage those who wanted DeSoto to make an exhibit. Let us rise above such pettiness and show the crowds that visit the State Fair this fall that DeSoto is one of the best, if not the very best county in the State. We sulked one year. That ought to satisfy those who were offended. Now let us get up and do something!

### County Boards.

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On petition for change of road from Lily to Zolfo said change to be made as follows: Commencing at the bridge on Troublesome Creek and run ne to the ne corner of M. Murphy's field fence, thence in the same direction about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile connecting with Ona and Zolfo at the bridge west of William Altman's. The length of the proposed route is about  $1\frac{1}{4}$  miles. The same was read and approved and the following blazers were appointed: J. L. Sauls, M. Murphy and F. M. Morris.

E. T. Smith Hardware-Furniture Co., is hereby ordered to order a new grading machine for the county, same to cost \$225.00 and freight from Atlanta, Ga.

Board signed Widow's Pension for Mrs. Mamie Newton, widow of John R. Newton.

Petition for new road commencing at Heard's Bridge on Peace River to E. S. Parker's place on Avon Park road received and Chairman King ordered to investigate same.

The County Treasurer filed his report for month of July.

No objection received to new road at Gardner running along right away of A. C. L. R. R., said road is hereby declared a public road.

The following reductions were made by the Board:

W. H. Seward. Beg at se cor block 3, original survey Arcadia, run w 71 feet to beg, thence along side of alley n 151 ft, thence e parallel with Oak st 71 ft, thence s parallel with alley 151 ft to beg, in block 3, reduced from \$2,000 to \$1,000.

R. B. Campbell. Lots 3, 4, 5, 6 and n  $\frac{1}{2}$  lots 7, block 23 Arcadia, reduced from \$300 to \$150.

E. E. Polk. Beg at nw cor of sw  $\frac{1}{4}$  of se  $\frac{1}{4}$  and run e 17.65 chains, s 8.50 chains, w 17.65 chains, n 8.50 chains to beg sec 11 tp 33 s r 24 e, reduced from \$400 to \$300.

D. B. Brooks. 8 acres in a square in ne cor of ne  $\frac{1}{4}$  ne  $\frac{1}{4}$  sec 21 tp 34 s r 25 e, reduced from \$300 to \$50.

J. H. Powell. Ne  $\frac{1}{4}$  ne  $\frac{1}{4}$  sec 6 tp 34 s r 27 e, reduced from \$700 to \$600.

The clerk is authorized to purchase from R. L. Holland, Orlando, Fla., one cell on wheels as described by cut for safe keeping of county convicts. Price \$300.

Petition presented for change of the Ft. Green and Bowling Green road to move said road out to the quarter section line crossing sections two and three of town-

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### An Announcement.

We announce to the people of Arcadia and DeSoto county that we will open our store on Saturday, August 11 with the most complete and up-to-date line of Dry Goods, Notions, Shoes, Ladies' and Gent's Furnishings, Etc. We invite all the buyers to come and inspect our beautiful line of goods which is now exhibited at our branch store. We have several stores in the State and by comparison you will find our goods the best in quality at the lowest price.

M. KANNER & Co.,  
New Daniel's Block, Arcadia.

# Inside Information!

New York dressers are making a stampede for Blacks and Blues. This is the Blue Serge season July and August will be the great months for these two solids, the Blues and Blacks. We have the goods and they are the properest ever

Yours truly,

**Perry C. Brown.**  
Arcadia, Florida.

## The Arcadia Hardware Co.

THE ARCADIA HARDWARE COMPANY'S store is now located in their permanent quarters in the Owen Parker Brick Building. They are fast getting their stock on display and will serve you to anything you want.

Their stock is now practically complete, though goods are coming in daily. They have just received a Car Load of **Economist Stoves and Ranges**, a Car Load of **Hay Presses**, a Car Load of **Mowers and Rakes**, a Car Load of **American Fence**, a Large and Complete Line of **Furniture, Rugs, Mattings, Celebrated "Blue Diamond" Enamel Ware, Gas and Gasoline Stoves**. A Full and Complete Line of **Hardware, Paints and Oils, Wagons and Buggies**.

They invite you to call on them. They are elegantly located and are fast getting in show shape.

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Parker Building, Oak Street, Arcadia, Florida.