

THE CHAMPION

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We introduce this week to our readers a new correspondent from Nocatee who promises to come weekly with the news of that lively burg. We welcome him and will be pleased to extend the glad hand to a good correspondent from every precinct in DeSoto county. Come one, come all.

If, as the Floridian says, one bottle of whiskey elected Broward governor, why were his opponents so badly beaten when they used not one but many bottles in the campaign? This slander is the most unreasonable one of all to those who know the governor and his temperance proclivities. Can't our editors find anything better to occupy their pens than personal abuse? They ought to try, at least.

St. Petersburg, Fla. is enjoying the novelty of acquaintance with some naval troops, from a flotilla of four U. S. torpedo boats that is anchored in the bay, near the city. The flotilla is there for a month, and the troops are young seamen who are learning their business, in this mild southern climate. They expect to remain about a month and Tampa bay will be the scene of their maneuvers during that time in torpedo flotilla practice.

If people criticized only where they are capable of doing so intelligently there would be fewer mistakes made by those who honestly believe they are saying the right things. The Tampa minister who calls so loudly for the hanging of Cooper has not investigated Cooper's case with the thoroughness of the State Pardon Board, nor does he even know how many of the citizens of DeSoto county believe Cooper innocent but is undoubtedly judging solely from a few newspapers and hot headed people who are noisy in their demands for his execution.

Presbyterian Church.

Rev. H. Keigwin Stated Supply. Services next Sunday morning and night.

Sunday School at 10 a. m.

Prayer meeting Wednesday night previous to the first and third Sundays.

Subjects for next Sunday: Morning theme, Revival. Evening, The Best Thing in the World.

Mr. Keigwin regrets the omission of his last appointment, on the third Sunday, but was confident that his engagement in the revival services in Punta Gorda, would be a sufficient reason for his absence.

It is gratifying to state that the services were a remarkable success in the revival of God's people, the reclaiming of backsliders and the salvation of souls.

Never in the history of that place was there seen, such a cordial and harmonious blending of all the churches in a Union Service.

The services were held in the Presbyterian church, led by the Baptist minister of Arcadia and assisted by all four of the pastors of Punta Gorda, and the large congregations and the great number of those who came forward as seekers of salvation attested the

presence and power of the Holy Spirit.

Mr. Robertson by his able and earnest preaching, his genial Christian spirit and his remarkable zeal in the Master's work made a fine impression upon that community, who regretted exceedingly to have him leave just in the midst of a full floodtide of religious interest, to attend the meeting of the Association in his own church.

Fifty-five persons stood together before the pulpit to attest their decision to confess the Savior, and last Sunday fourteen united with the churches, and others have expressed their determination to do so later on.

Let us fondly hope and pray that the churches of Arcadia may soon enjoy a similar season of spiritual refreshing, and that here also we may witness the essential unity of the church of God.

New Railroad Ruling.

OFFICE OF THE RAILROAD COMMISSIONERS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

TO ALL THE RAILROAD COMPANIES AND COMMON CARRIERS DOING BUSINESS WHOLLY OR IN PART WITHIN THE STATE OF FLORIDA:

You are hereby notified that there will be a meeting of the Railroad Commissioners of the State of Florida, at their office in the City of Tallahassee, Florida, at ten o'clock a. m., on the 18th day of December, A. D. 1906, to consider the advisability of amending the Rules and Regulations of the Railroad Commissioners as follows:

By adding the following to the "Demurrage Rules":

"17. Whenever shipments have been received by any railroad company, such shipments destined to stations within a distance of fifty miles from starting point shall be delivered within two (2) days from 7 o'clock p. m. the day of issuing the bill of lading, and in one day's additional time for each additional fifty miles or fraction thereof; and for failure to transport such shipments within the time prescribed the railroad company shall forfeit and pay to the consignor or consignee the sum of two dollars per day on all car-load freight and one cent per hundred pounds per day on package freights and freights in less than car-load with minimum charge of twenty-five cents for any package: Provided the shipper makes demand thereof in writing within thirty days thereafter: Provided further that in no case shall the penalty on any shipment exceed the value of goods transported. The period of time during which the movement of trains is suspended for any cause not within the power of the roads to prevent shall be added to the time allowed herein."

At the above named meeting you, the railroad companies and common carriers doing business wholly or in part within the State of Florida shall have an opportunity to be heard and show cause, if any you have, why the proposed amendment should not be adopted.

Done and ordered by the Railroad Commissioners of the State of Florida, in session at their office in the City of Tallahassee, Florida, this 3rd day of December, A. D. 1906.

JEFFN. B. BROWNE, Chairman.
R. C. DUNN, Secretary.

Notice.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of Arcadia will be held in the banking rooms at 3 p. m. Tuesday, January 8, 1907.

C. C. CHOLLAR, Cashier.

O. A. Albritton, of Lil, was doing business in Arcadia Monday.

WHAT IS The Florida Life Insurance Company?

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Bowling Alley Prizes.

A \$5 Stetson to the best score in ten pins between now and Christmas To the two next best scores a prize of \$1 each.

The names of prize winners and their scores will be published after Christmas.

THE BOWLING ALLEY,
F. H. LAWSON.

Passed Examination Successfully.

James Donahue, New Britain, Conn., writes: "I tried several kidney remedies and was treated by our best physicians for diabetes, but did not improve until I took Foley's Kidney Cure. After the second bottle I showed improvement, and five bottles cured me completely. I have since passed a rigid examination for life insurance." Foley's Kidney Cure cures back-ache and all forms of kidney and bladder trouble. Ed Greene

December Doings.

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and cost; fine held up on good behavior.

State vs. Willie Buckhannon, larceny; plead guilty; fined \$10.00 and cost; fine held up on good behavior.

Respectfully submitted,
GEO. W. MCLANE, J. P.,
7 Dist., DeSoto Co., Fla.

On Tuesday, January 8th, 1907, propositions will be received by board for county attorney, county physician, county printing and county stationery.

No objections having been received, road from B. M. Waldron's place near Crewsville, to Arbuckle Ferry, is hereby declared a public road.

County judge filed report of criminal cases.

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners of DeSoto County, Florida:

I beg leave to report the criminal business finally disposed of in my court in the month of November, 1906, and report as follows:

The State vs. Lee Ford and Will Thomas, petit larceny; jury verdict not guilty. Defendant discharged.

The State vs. Will Knowles, assault and battery; nol prossed.

The State vs. Mack Morris, gaming; fined \$5.00 and costs. Costs paid.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct report of the criminal business finally disposed of in my court in the month of November, 1906.

J. B. COCHRAN,

Dec. 3, 1906. County Judge. County judge and tax collector filed report of licenses for November, 1906, as follows:

State	\$174 00
County	114 50
Total	\$288 50

Bond of Francis M. Cooper for tax assessor for \$1,000, with A. W. Gilchrist, P. W. McAdow & Co. and C. G. Davis, accepted and signed.

Pistol bond for C. C. Morgan, with F. E. Parker and W. T. Wilson as sureties for \$250, signed and permit issued. S. and W. 32 calibre, No. G. 87982, marked M. on handle.

The following firearm bonds were signed and permits issued.

Geo. H. Bunker, with J. T. Roberts and A. E. Pooser, Jr., as trustees for \$250, 30.30 Winchester rifle.

A. E. Pooser, Jr., with J. S. Roberts and J. W. Almond as sureties for \$250 caliber 30.30 Winchester rifle.

Comptroller is recommended to allow Isaac H. Trabue to redeem the following lands on the face value of certificates without interest, in t 39, r 23 e.

Now comes Isaac H. Trabue and moves the County Commissioners of DeSoto county to allow him to redeem the following lands by paying the face value of the bill or certificate without interest.

In the year 1902 for 1901 taxes. Certificate No. 37. Amount \$1.03. On nw 1/4 of sw 1/4 sec 15, t 39, range 23 e.

In the year 1901 for 1900. Certificate 141. Amount \$1.21.

Sw 1/4 of sw 1/4 22, 39, 23. Certificate 140. Amount \$3.48.

Nw 22, 39, 23. Certificate 137. Amount 831.

Ne 1/4 and se 1/4 of nw 1/4 of w 1/2 of se 1/4 and e 1/2 of sw 1/4 sec 15, 29, 23

Certificate 135. Amount \$0.94. One acre in lot 1 sec 14, 39, 23.

Certificate 134. Amount \$1.40. Lot 5 in sec 14 t 39, r 23.

Certificate 130. Amount \$0.83. S 1/2 of ne 1/4 of se 1/4 sec 10, 39, 23.

In the year 1900 for 1899 taxes. Certificate 139. Amount \$1.43.

Lot 5 except 4 acres, sec 14, 39, 23 In 1899 for 1898 taxes. Certificate 165. Amount \$1.90.

E 1/2 sw 1/4 sec 15, 39, 23. Certificate 155. Amount \$1.85. S 1/2 of ne 1/4 of se 1/4 sec 10, 39, 23.

In 1897 for 1896 taxes. Certificate 255. Amount \$8.13. Ne 1/4 and se 1/4 of nw 1/4 of sw 1/4 and e 1/2 of sw 1/4 w 1/2 of se 1/4 sec 15, 39, 23.

Certificate 254. Amount \$0.65. Nw 1/4 of sw 1/4 sec 15, 39, 23.

Certificate 242. Amount \$0.68. S 1/2 of ne 1/4 of se 1/4 sec 10, 39, 23.

In 1897 for 1896 taxes. Certificate 144. Amount \$1.98. N 1/2 of nw 1/4 22, 39, 23.

Certificate 135. Amount \$1.15. S 1/2 of ne 1/4 of se 1/4 sec 10, 39, 23.

In 1896 for 1895 taxes. Certificate 201. Amount \$5.43. Nw 1/4 and sw 1/4 of sw 1/4 and lot 3 of sec 22, 39, 23.

Certificate 198. Amount \$5.06. Ne 1/4 and w 1/2 sw 1/4 sec 15, 39, 23.

Certificate 197. Amount \$2.12. Se 1/4

nw 1/4 e 1/2 sw 1/4 w 1/2 se 1/4 sec 15, 39, 23. Certificate 189. Amount \$1.21.

ne 1/4 of se 1/4 sec 10, 39, 23. Certificate 123. Amount \$1.65.

of ne 1/4 of se 1/4 sec 10, 39, 23. In 1894 for 1893 taxes. Certificate 176. Amount \$1.40.

and sw 1/4 of sec 15, 39, 23. Certificate 174. Amount \$6.25.

nw e 1/2 sw w 1/2 se sec 15, 39, 23. In 1894 for 1893 taxes. Certificate 163. Amount \$1.40.

of nw 1/4 sec 10, 39, 23. Certificate 164. Amount \$1.40.

ne 1/2 sec 10, 39, 23. 181 sw 1/4 sw 1/4 22, 39, 23. Amount \$0.92.

180 s 1/2 of nw 1/4 22, 39, 23. Amount \$1.86.

163 s 1/2 of ne 1/4 of se 1/4 10, 39, 23. Amount \$0.74.

In 1893 for 1892 taxes. Certificate 180. Amount \$1.86.

nw 1/4 22. Certificate 181. Amount \$0.92.

sw 1/4 22. Certificate 163. Amount \$0.52.

n 1/2 of s 1/2. In 1892 for 1891 taxes. Certificate 165. Amount \$0.47.

One acre lot of 40 acres in sec 35, t 39 r 23 e sold.

In 1900 for 1899 taxes. Certificate 153. Amount \$22.59.

In 1899 for 1896 taxes. Certificate 177. Amount \$26.71.

In 1898 for 1897 taxes. Certificate 269. Amount \$28.60.

In 1897 for 1896 taxes. Certificate 154. Amount \$23.23.

In 1896 for 1895 taxes. Certificate 212. Amount \$37.40.

The following board of commissioners were appointed for protection of orange groves etc., provided for in Chapter 13 Revised Statutes of Florida:

W. O. Ralls and E. R. Watson, of Arcadia; B. F. Welles and P. Carney, of Nocatee; C. G. Davis, of Punta Gorda; Joseph Duffy, of Fort Ogden; W. A. Jones, of Punta Level; J. E. Raulerson, of Lil; J. J. Heard, of Owens; T. E. Fielder, of Gardner; H. W. Smith, of Zolfo; A. G. Smith, of Wanchula; T. R. Stark, of Bowling Green; E. L. Richardson, of Avon Park; T. S. Knight, of Charlotte Harbor; J. C. Hobson, of Cleveland; Mike Cowart, of Ona; F. H. Williams, of Crewsville.

Firearm bond of Luby Mercer with W. E. Robertson and A. M. Mercer as sureties, approved and signed.

Street is authorized to have electric lights placed in his office in the court house, and sale in clerk's office.

All road overseers throughout the county, having county property in their possession are requested to send in a report of all tools, tents, etc., in their possession, on January 1st, 1907.

All bills for 1906 against the county must be sent to H. E. Carlton, the clerk, by January 1st, 1906.

Board adjourned until Monday, January 7th, 1907.