

LOCAL AFFAIRS

Local Time Table.

Tramway, Northbound..... 8 17 a. m.
Tramway, Southbound..... 10 43 a. m.
Tramway, Northbound..... 5 00 p. m.
Tramway, Southbound..... 8 51 p. m.

Lodge No. 66, F. & A. M., meets on or before the full moon in each month at 7:30 p. m. at the residence of W. S. DAVENPORT, W. M. Secretary.

N. & N. Local Time Table

Sunday only Southbound 8:00 a. m.
Daily Ex. Sun. South... 2:30 p. m.
Daily Ex. Sun. North... 12:30 p. m.
Sunday only Northbound 7:00 p. m.

Blanche Hansen, of Hull, spent the week with her sister, Mrs. F. Carlton.

W. J. McClenithan and children returned from a week's visit to Chicago and other northern points.

D. T. McSwain returned Tuesday from a week's visit to Punta Gorda where he has been visiting relatives.

Edna Powell returned this week after several months' visit in Lakeland and other northern points.

A. G. Freideritoe leaves Saturday for a week's visit to her sister, Mrs. Boydston, at Port Myers.

Kirby H. Smith and children left Tuesday evening for a three weeks' visit to her mother in Macon, Ga.

B. Armstrong spent a couple of days this week in South DeSoto in the employ of the Singer Manufacturing Co.

C. L. Matthews, freight conductor on the C. L., has been put back on this week and makes Arcadia his headquarters.

Now Puckett & Hooker, the cool men, Hilton Johnson having resigned his part of the business to Hooker.

Edna and Fred Powell have returned after a very pleasant visit of two weeks with friends and relatives in Oak, Monticello and other points. They were accompanied home by their mother, Miss Annie Neeley, of Monticello.

Mr. Cecil and singer, who have closed a two week's revival service at Ogden, passed through Arcadia Tuesday enroute for Bowling Green, where we understand he will conduct services. Rev. Mr. Cecil, during his visit in Arcadia won many warm friends and will always be glad to see him.

Mr. C. W. White has been tendered a month's vacation by his board of directors and left last week for the camping grounds at Indian Springs, Ga., and will go from there to other points of interest for rest and recreation. His pulpit will be filled next Sunday by Rev. E. C. Barnett, and on the fourth Sunday by Rev. E. C. Hudson. Prayer meetings will be held by laymen of the church.

Mr. P. Marshall, a former school commissioner from Punta Gorda district, is a visitor in Arcadia Wednesday. He is the Champion's pleasant call and some of Uncle Sam's baser metal for subscription. Mr. Marshall is an enthusiastic farmer and tells with pride of his 300-gallon-a-minute artesian well which irrigates his handsome grove on Alligator Creek. He was another inquisitor as to county officials and wants to know more about the facts of the official boards than The Champion told in its recent article "It's Like Graft."

W. E. Wilder was in from Lily Monday.

Rev. B. P. Robertson was in Arcadia Monday.

W. G. Bailey, of Bartow, was in Arcadia this week.

Ansel W. Walker, of Ft. Meade, was in Arcadia Tuesday.

N. A. Faulkner made a business trip to Bartow last week.

The Parker boys are out in the woods cow hunting this week.

Thos. Alderman came home Thursday after a week playing ball.

Attorney J. J. Swearingen, of Bartow, spent Monday in Arcadia.

Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Bryan and children left Thursday for Georgia.

Mr. Earlen S. Mays, of Tampa, was doing business in Arcadia yesterday.

A photographer has opened a studio above the Smith Drug Company's store.

Mrs. William McClenithan left Tuesday for her summer's outing in Louisiana.

Miss May Dishong returned home from Lakeland where she has been visiting.

Miss Pauline Espenlaub returned Monday from an outing of a week at Boca Grande.

Miss Edna Dishong went to her home in Owens Tuesday, after a week in Arcadia.

Mrs. A. L. Gates left this morning for a trip to her Buchanan orange grove property.

Mrs. Minnie Smith spent Sunday with her friend Miss Gertrude Heuschen, at Punta Gorda.

Mrs. Jake Wey and children returned from Green Springs Saturday night after a two weeks' stay.

Times must be improving for the agents in the land taking orders for enlarging family photos.

Mr. S. Rosin left today (Thursday) for the markets to buy the fall and winter stock for the Boston Store.

Sam Powell, former marshal of Arcadia, but more recently a resident of Ft. Meade, is in Arcadia this week.

Miss Etta Sams left Tuesday for Wauchula, having spent the past week visiting in Arcadia. Eva Ford accompanied her.

Mrs. C. H. Smith and daughter, Sophia May, went to Richland Monday to spend a few days visiting relatives and friends.

W. P. Marshall, former member of the School Board of this county, was up from Punta Gorda Wednesday and paid us a pleasant call.

Miss Ellen Armstrong returned from a week's visit in Tampa Thursday and is now at work as usual behind the counter at the Boston Store.

Mrs. M. E. Lane has returned home from Hull, where she has been for the past eight weeks. She has been nursing Mrs. Jerome Fugate.

A number of buyers are hunting bargains in Arcadia residence properties, but they are squeezing their money hard before letting go of it.

Miss Jean Little, well remembered in Arcadia where she lived several years, was recently married in Ocala to F. C. Barnes, of Shady, Fla.

Jake Wey is this week camping out on his work at Creek Grove down in South DeSoto. The occasion is the digging of a new deep well for irrigating purposes. Mr. Kinsey is the well man.

Mrs. Betty Brengle, of Tampa, accompanied by her little son, Edwin, arrived in Arcadia on last Saturday night to visit her father Rev. Keigwin. She left Tuesday for a month's outing in Alabama.

Summer is the time to mend the roads and we are glad to notice that Arcadia streets are receiving attention now. They could still be improved so that no puddles of water stand on the streets after showers.

Guavas are now ripe, and the lover of that fragrant fruit has a chance to study the different varieties, that having the smallest ball of seeds and thickest flesh covering is decidedly the favorite, and should be grown most generally.

Dr. C. H. Smith made a trip to Tampa last week and while there acquired a large family touring car automobile and has been, with his family and friends, enjoying it since its arrival in Arcadia. It is quite the swellest turnout in the city.

Rev. E. E. Barnett, son of Rev. R. N. Barnett of the Florida Conference, is visiting his brother, Dr. D. G. Barnett in Arcadia. He spent the past year at Vanderbilt, going there from Emory College, where he graduated in class of '07. He has given his life to the mission work and is preparing to enter the field in China. He will fill the pulpit at the Methodist Church, morning and evening next Sunday.

Commissioners' Proceedings

The Board of County Commissioners of DeSoto county met in their office in Arcadia, Fla., on the 3rd day of August, 1908.

Present: C. L. Keene, Chairman; D. S. Williams and D. J. Farabee.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

On petition the following change is made in the Smith & Baldwin road near Nocatee: Commencing at a point on the said road near the se cor of the nw 1/4 of sw 1/4 sec 25, tp 33 s, range 24 e, and running due west on land lines to the sw cor of the ne 1/4 of sec 26 of said tp and r thence due north 1/2 mile on land line connecting with said public road to the sw cor of the ne 1/4 of ne 1/4 (Mr. John Garner's place) of sec 26, tp 33 s of r 24.

W. Carlton and Needham Smith were appointed blazers and appointment mailed to W. Carlton, Nocatee, Fla.

A bill was presented by Dr. K. H. Smith for \$22.25 for medical treatment of Mrs. Juilerat. The same was audited and ordered paid.

Pension application of Everett S. Parker signed and approved by the Board.

R. D. Gauby and M. F. Moore made report on the following described road: Beginning at half mile poast on section line dividing sections 7 and 8 and following half mile line east through section eight (8) to public road running from Arcadia to Brownville.

One notice posted on courthouse door and one mailed to R. D. Gauby, Arcadia, Fla.

A. T. Altman, J. A. Hughes and W. R. Langford made report on following described road: Beginning at residence of Jonathan Coker and running southward a distance of (3) miles to a point on the Arcadia road near the residence of the late J. J. Granger, of Fish Branch. One notice posted on courthouse door and one mailed to W. R. Langford, Sweet Water, Fla.

A reward of \$50 is hereby offered by this Board for the arrest and conviction of George Boatwright for breaking and entering various houses in this county.

J. J. Grady, one of the petitioners on the said road: Beginning at a point where the tp line dividing sps 37 and 38, r 24, crosses the Arcadia and Charlotte Harbor road, and run west to nw cor of nw 1/4 of sec 5, tp 38 s, r 24 e, south along land lines to southwest cor of ne 1/4 of sec 26, tp and r west along land lines to most practicable route to intersect public road near D. B. Brantley's place. One notice posted on courthouse door and one mailed to J. H. Langford to post.

The county judge and tax collector made the following report of licenses for month of July:

State	\$34 50
County	17 45
Total	\$51 95

A. D. Davis is hereby placed on the pauper's list at \$5.00 per month.

N. S. Platt, J. J. Whidden and Tillet Whidden made report on the following road: Commencing at county line at LaBelle City, and running the most practical route towards Venus, and intersecting with Venus and Punta Gorda road one mile northeast of bridge on Fish Eating Creek on said road. One notice posted on courthouse door and one mailed to N. S. Platt, Venus, Fla.

The treasurer is hereby instructed to transfer \$85 from No. 6 road fund to No. 2.

W. R. Varn, T. B. Cason and P. C. Collier made report as follows, on following described road:

Beginning at G. T. B. Christopher's, running in southeasterly direction to north side of Crane pond and then turning in se direction to old road and then follow the old road one mile and then turn again in se direction south side of bay south of George Durrance's, thence to south of Lake at T. B. Cason's, thence east to Joshua Creek south of G. H. Bethea's farm.

One notice posted on courthouse door and one mailed to W. R. Varn, Kuhlman, Fla.

On petition a road was granted to run as follows: Beginning at ne cor of sw 1/4 of sw 1/4 sec 33, tp 35 s, range 23 e, running north and intersecting Castalia and Wauchula road at bridge on Elder Branch.

F. S. Harrison, N. C. Platt and Eugene Albritton were appointed blazers, and the appointment mailed to N. C. Platt, Lily, Fla.

The following described road was granted: Leaving present road at the se cor of S. H. Morton's place and to follow the old abolished Charlotte Harbor road, crossing Horse Creek at the old burned bridge, continuing the old road to a point between S. A.

Barnwell's place and William Watter-son's, thence taking the straightest practical route to Platt. W. D. Platt, C. A. Addison and J. F. Beasley, are appointed blazers, and appointment mailed to W. D. Platt, Platt, Fla.

Firearm bond of Peter McWilliams approved and permit issued.

The sum of \$15.00 is hereby appropriated for the immediate relief of Frank Thomas and family who are in destitute circumstances.

It is hereby recommended to the comptroller that the sw 1/4 of sec 13, tp 35, range 23, be redeemed by Thos. N. Carlton, owner, at a valuation of \$1.50 per acre on the grounds that said land is unimproved and is assessed at \$760.00 and sold August 6, 1906, or 1905 tax in certificate No. 31.

The following officers made their respective reports: J. A. Hendry, county treasurer; R. E. Brown, county judge; W. C. Langford, tax collector and Geo. W. McLane, justice of the peace.

There being no further business the Board adjourned to meet the first Monday in September, 1908.

Presbyterian Church.

Rev. H. Keigwin, pastor. Services every Sunday 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Sunday school 10 a.m.; Prayer meeting Wednesday 7:30 p.m. All are cordially invited.

Subject for next Sunday morning—"Putting God to the Proof." Evening—"Jacob's Vision of Bethel."

The subject of the morning discourse was drawn from the story of David and Goliath, illustrating:

- (1) The conflict of kingdom flight and the kingdom of darkness.
- (2) The certain victory of God's kingdom in spite of the burly giants of wickedness, and the apparent feebleness of the little flock of God.
- (3) The necessity of making the world our battlefield.
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(a) Confidence in God's power.

(b) Courage born of faith.

(c) God by for us, who can be against us?

(d) Skill and training—David was an expert in the use of the sling. Other things being equal the trained soldier of the cross is more successful than the raw recruit.

(e) The prime motive the glory of God—David's reason for undertaking the perilous encounter was that all the world may know there is a God in Israel.

Mrs. Rose, of Melrose.

Mrs. Geraldine Farrar, the prima donna, attended a luncheon of debutantes in New York. Miss Farrar told the debutantes that there was happiness in work. She urged work upon all of them. Work, she said, would preserve them from degeneration into such a type as Mrs. Rose, of Melrose.

"Mrs. Rose's type is too familiar," she said, "to show you the sort of type she is: Mr. Rose came home from business. Mrs. Rose lay on a couch. He sat down by her side and said: 'What did the doctor say, dear?' 'He asked me to put out my tongue,' murmured Mrs. Rose. 'Yes?' 'And he looked at it and said, 'Overworked.' ' Mr. Rose heaved a long sigh of relief. 'Then, my dear,' he said, firmly, 'you'll have to give it a rest. I have perfect confidence in that doctor.'"—New York Tribune.

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