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The father of the young man who was electrocuted in Tampa last week has sued the Electric Light company, of Tampa, for \$50,000.

Pensacola is preparing to hospitably entertain the First regiment of State troops that will go into camp at Ft. Barrancas on Oct. 5th and remain for ten days.

W. Stanley Hanson, the excellent traveling correspondent of the *Tampa Tribune* spent several days in DeSoto County and Arcadia last week.

We regret that through some mistake of the typesetter the Prohibitionist Plea in our last issue was published without any credit. It was written by Rev. J. G. Boydston of Ft. Myers.

We suppose the liquor seller has his rights. And one of them is to advertise for a permit to sell drinks. We suppose also that the newspaper that derives its support from such advertisements may be said to have a mission in life. But from such support and such a mission, Good Lord, deliver us!

Judge J. B. Cochran, of Nocatee, shows his faith by his works for when paying up his subscription to *THE CHAMPION* last week, he enclosed one dollar to be sent to help the Bryan campaign along. Will not others of our good democratic subscribers do likewise so that when we send in the Judge's dollar it will not look so lonesome? Hurry up too, for election time is drawing near. If you prefer to send your own money, send it to Governor Haskell, Oklahoma, treasurer of the National democratic Campaign Committee.

The *Advocate* believes in criticising anybody and everything when they deserve it. Yesterday, so believe in criticising anybody simply because we may not like them, or because they are not the men we supported for office. In the past few years there have been much criticism passed on our county commissioners, and we probably have done our share of it, but nevertheless we hope we can see the good when there is good in them, and we believe the purchasing of a tract of land at Punta Gorda for road material was a wise move. It may be just possible that they paid more for the land than it could have been sold for to any one else, but still it is worth all they paid for it to the county. DeSoto wants good roads. If we are to keep up with the progress of other counties we must have good roads. To get good roads at prices at which they can be built we must have good road material at an accessible point. We believe the county has all this at Punta Gorda and when we consider the matter of the good roads that can be built from the material from the land bought by the county, the first cost is a mere bagatelle. It is true the railroad has not yet built a track to the material, yet there is little doubt about it being built as soon as the railroad officials get through with the usual amount of red tape. With a railroad track leading to this road material, a rock crusher, and the convicts loading cars, as planned by the commissioners, we venture to assert that there will be more good roads built in DeSoto county in the next two years than there have been built in the past ten years. Therefore, we believe the county commissioners should be commended instead of condemned in this matter.—*The Florida Advocate*.

THE CHAMPION is sincerely glad that Editor Goolsby has risen to make the above remarks, and agree with him that "If we are to keep up with the progress of other counties we must have good roads," and also that we can, as a county, afford to pay what GOOD ROADS cost. But it has been charged, and so far as we know never denied, that: 1st, The Commissioners paid more for the land than it was worth. 2nd, The land is inaccessible. 3rd, Better more accessible land was tendered the Board free of charge for road making purposes. 4th, The material on the land bought beats up and blows away in dry weather and melts up and washes away in wet, and is therefore neither permanent nor pleasant as a road material. THE CHAMPION does not pretend to know if the charges as above enumerated are true, but we have asked some one who did know to tell the truth. Our columns are open to one who may have the facts in this matter and we will give them public in defense of the County Commissioners or otherwise, as the case may be.

A reduction of from 10 to 20 per cent in the freight rates on Florida fruits and vegetables to eastern cities takes effect this week.

The second page of *THE CHAMPION* has this week been set apart as our neighborhood news department. We hope that each community will be represented there every week.

THE CHAMPION force is these days working overtime on work for our busy progressive business people. We are certainly doing the nicest line of printing that Arcadia has ever seen.

THE CHAMPION is indebted to the *Pensacola Evening News* for a handsome life size portrait of Wm. J. Bryan, Democratic candidate for President. Thanks. We appreciate the gift, the donor, and the man the picture represents.

T. Ed Child returned last Thursday night from a ten days stay in Bartow. The rain interfered with his business and when he reached Arcadia the demands of *THE CHAMPION* printing office and a rush of job printing made his presence highly desirable.

The *Tallahassee Sun* has ceased publication with this week's issue. It was a clear case of mal-nutrition for as Editor Claudius L'Engle expresses it, "The *Sun* did not get money enough to exchange for the material things necessary for its existence." We regret to see so able and fearless a paper as the *Sun* has been cease publication, for we realize that in many ways it has been a pertinent factor for righteousness.

It is the *Advocate's* policy to publish every item of local news that is of general interest to Arcadians. We make a systematic search for all kinds of local news each week, and you may be sure that if we fail to publish any item it is through no intentional fault of ours. In this respect our friends would prove a real aid to us did they but hand or telephone to us the items that they personally know. This will help us to give you a faithful report of all the doings of our community each week.

Presbyterian Church

Rev. H. Keigwin pastor.
Services every Sunday 11 a. m. and 7:15 p. m.

Sunday School 10 a. m.
Prayer Meeting 7:30 p. m. Wednesday.

Come and worship with us.
Subject for next Sunday morning, "The Barren Figtree."

Evening, "Why some men are Unbelievers."

Last Sunday the pastor attempted to impress the important fact that the Christian profession contemplates the outward manifestation of a radical difference between "those who serve God and those who serve Him not". Malachi 3:18. And this radical difference is to be shown by more of the disposition of Christ in the heart and more abundance of service in the life than is manifested by the world. The text was the Savior's question, Matt. 5:47 "WHAT DO YE MORE THAN OTHERS?"

The question implies that in the very nature of the case the Christian certainly will do differently from "others" because, "If any man be in Christ Jesus he is a new creature, old things have passed away, and behold all things have become new." Salvation does not mean "getting to heaven." If a sinner unchanged were lifted bodily into heaven he would still be a sinner. A pig in a parlor is

still a pig. Salvation means, as the context teaches, that we shall become like God or as Jesus expresses it, "that ye may become the children of Your Father", i. e. manifesting the disposition of Your Father in heaven. Unless we "do more than others," where is the difference between the saved and the unsaved? If we retain the same old feelings, and live the same life as the world where does salvation come in. Faith in Christ saves the soul but the true saving faith is accompanied with the Christian heart and the Christian life, in a greater or less degree making us different from others.

PRACTICALLY

What is the difference in our lives from the lives of "others"?

IN REFERENCE TO THE INVISIBLE KINGDOM

1. "Others" have no regard for the "things unseen and eternal." Their plans, their aims, their whole career are included in the narrow boundries of this world. They live as though there is no God, and no invisible spiritual universe. The Christian sees, as with a sixth sense to his soul, "the things unseen and eternal." Like Moses, he "endures as seeing Him who is invisible" and orders his life with reference to his real but unseen Lord Jesus Christ.

IN REGARD TO THIS WORLD

"Others" are conformed to this world and the worldly spirit, the worldly maxims and the world's practices dominate their lives. "They are of the world therefore speak they of the world and the world heareth them." We are of God, and our children, and have overcome the world. "He that will be a friend to the world" in its sinful pleasures and its sinful occupations is an enemy of God. And if we do not "come out from among them and be separate" what do ye more than others.

IN BUSINESS

Others regard business as the aim of life, and laying up treasure on earth for themselves the chief end of existence. The Christian is a steward of God and uses the money God gives him in business for the glory of God. Like Carey, his business is to serve God and he makes money to pay expenses and to help along God's Kingdom. Are you "diligent in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord?"

IN THE FAMILY

"Others" rear their children with reference to honorable position and influence in the world and would rather see their children millionaires than "heirs of God and joint heirs with Jesus Christ." The Lord says to the Christian, "Take this child and nurse it for me." Are you rearing your children for God or for this fleeting world?

IN THE CHURCH

"Others" are indifferent and careless in regard to this, God's grandest agency for spiritual cultivation and for bringing the wanderers to Christ. Can you say, "I had rather be a door keeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness?"

THE CONVERSION OF THE WORLD

"Others" are careless and uninterested in regard to the Savior's great command, "Make disciples of all nations." Is the burden on your heart, the prayer on your lips, the donation in your hand, and the effort in your life, to bring the perishing world back to God and salvation? God help us in all things to so live before the world that they shall see that "there is a difference between those who serve God and those who serve men."

Timely Views and News

Spare the Tree

In speaking of the proposed destruction of the Chinaberry tree, because it harbors the white fly, Uncle Billy McClenithan says he wishes he had a grove of chinaberry trees surrounding his orange grove. That they seem the favorite home of the white fly, and, in his estimation, to destroy these noble trees is not to diminish or drive away a single fly, but on the contrary if deprived of their choice of homes they will simply locate themselves on the citrus trees. This is a new view of the case and one that will bear investigation. If the chinaberry trees are not responsible for the white fly, then why destroy the trees that are certainly the handsomest and afford the densest shade of any grown for ornamental purposes in the south. Let us be sure we are right before condemning the chinaberry tree. Mr. McClenithan is an old settler in South Florida, who has grown oranges for many years, is familiar with insects pests and the conditions of this section and as a successful grower his words will carry weight.

One on Us

The Arcadia *CHAMPION* owes the City Council of Tampa an abject apology. In its latest issue, the *CHAMPION* "roasts" the Tampa city fathers for reducing the saloon license, when, as a matter of fact, the Council refused to make the reduction. The *CHAMPION's* comments on the Tampa license ordinance suggest the thought that the *CHAMPION* read the *Tribune* more closely.

We acknowledge the corn, and beg Tampa's pardon. It is not so bad as we expected. But it was reading the *Tribune* that led us to expect bad things.

A Candid Confession

The debts of New York officials have been filed with the comptroller and a large portion of them are due the saloons. Thus the liquor men furnish the votes to elect the officials, and then hold a mortgage on the salaries of the officials, through the official acts of the comptroller.

A case of yellow fever is reported in Havana, Cuba.

The hurricane we were led to expect has had a change of direction, and will expend its force out in the Atlantic. Florida again is lucky.

Altho the Wright Bros. of Dayton Ohio, have satisfactorily demonstrated the ability of their aeroplane to navigate the air, they have yet to conquer the winds. For with high winds the aeroplane is not able to cope, and the winds must be counted with before the airship can be a commercial success. Doubtless the day of the airship that will make its routine schedule will some day come but for the present we must wait for a calm day for our air navigation trip.

The Turk's Island Storm, with a velocity of 100 miles an hour, must have grown exhausted before reaching this part of Florida. In spite of storm signal warnings since Saturday last the weather in DeSoto County has been childlike and bland. Occasional light showers, delightful morning and evening breezes, with noonday heat. In fact, regular September weather without the equinoctial. It may be too early yet to boast, but boast we will, lest later developments make boasting vain.

Much interest throughout the state has been felt in the Claude L'Engle lawsuit which was called this week before Judge Preston, of Bartow. It was brought by John A. Graham, of Manatee county, who charged Mr. L'Engle with publishing criminal libel that defeated him (Graham) who was running for the legislature from his county. Both L'Engle and Graham were present. On the motion of L'Engle's attorneys the case was continued until the December term of court, owing to the impossibility of having present at this time several important witnesses.

The forest fires in Minnesota and Wisconsin still continue. For a strip of about thirty miles the chain of horror stretches, ever lengthening, for the country being burned over has had little or no rain in three months. From California comes the telegraphic report that a ranchman last week started a brush fire burning and already twelve square miles of territory has been burned over. This is in the vicinity of Pasadena. Flames and flood! They are both fearful forces when beyond control and the United States in this summer suffered greatly from them. It is plain that man is a weak, puny helpless creature compared to the natural forces, which he cannot control, and which he cannot destroy man's works when they turn in majestic defiance against his weakness.