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Now that it can have no possible bearing, either for or against his political aspirations, President Taft shows his temperance principles.

Seven days in the week the Tampa Tribune is now issued. It is a rapid pace the enterprising daily sets, and we envy while we dare not try to follow.

A decided fall in the temperature last Thursday night was followed by a warm shower Sunday night and almost summer heat ever since. At no time has there been frost enough to nip potato plants and the fall gardens are unusually fine.

The present emergency volunteer army measure has been declared inadequate by President Roosevelt, who suggests a bill, of which he presented a draft to Congress, that will remedy its defects and make it possible to quickly raise an army of 2,000,000 men, instead of 50,000.

We notice among the state exchanges that the alameda is said to grow alone in Florida, of all the states. Is this true? Does not California also grow this gorgeous yellow blossom that has been suggested as the state flower of Florida? Let us hear from some of our California subscribers.

The South has reason to feel deeply gratified by the public expressions of President Taft in regard to the prosperity now in sight in the southland. The hope he voices that we may become a united nation, forgetting sectional lines and differences, is one that animates the heart of every true patriot, north or south.

Editor Jordan, of the Punta Gorda Herald, has gone to his old home in Dothan, Ala., for a few weeks of rest and the hope that he may recover from an obstinate fever from which he has been suffering for the past two months. The Herald is left in charge of Mr. Jordan's sons. Many friends of the talented editor will hope that his illness may soon be dispelled, and that he soon may be returned to Florida restored in health and rejuvenated in spirit.

The annual message of President Roosevelt to Congress was presented this week and those newspapers with plenty of space are printing it in full, while THE CHAMPION presents it somewhat condensed, but with all the important features. It goes without saying that it is an able document, for in spite of President Roosevelt's faults, nobody doubts his statesmanship. As this is his last message it must needs be a lengthy and comprehensive one.

The great earnestness evinced by English women to obtain the right to vote and their strenuous demands of the British parliament are something of a marvel to American born women who have always had the idea that English women were more conservative and less inclined to politics than are their American cousins, who, so far, have only got mildly excited over woman suffrage. Perhaps the very fact that in America women have more freedom than in most countries makes them less clamorous to enlarge their sphere. Yet nobody doubts but woman suffrage is on the way, and whether we care for it or not, the fact is patent that our country needs women in municipal, school and many other public places, and when they get there the step to full-fledged political suffrage will be found a short and peaceable one.

We note with pleasure that the Board of County Commissioners has appropriated \$250 to pay for 5,000 copies of the Tampa Tribune in which the DeSoto county write-up is shortly to appear. As citizens of Arcadia we are especially interested in this issue, for we have had such serious backsets by way of fire, etc., in the last few years that we need new settlers, more capital, more producers and more prosperity. We have the natural advantages. We can make good if investors will come among us, and we should not be backward in presenting our claims to the public. The Arcadia City Council, also, we learn, has appropriated \$125 to purchase Tribunes, and we thank them for their public spirit. We expect ourselves to receive benefit from that expenditure of public money and we believe every man, woman and child in the city will likewise be the gainer.

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

Sunday school 10 a. m.
Prayer meeting Wednesday 7:15 p. m.

Christian Endeavor Sunday, 3 p. m.

"I was glad when they said unto me let us go up into the house of the Lord."

Improvements inside the building and additional greenery add to the appearance and comfort of the church.

The new hymn book, "Revival Praises" is on hand, and we are expecting increased interest in our usual song service fifteen minutes at the beginning of the evening service.

Sunday morning the sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered at the close of the morning sermon, the subject of which will be appropriate to the occasion; and an earnest request is made that every member of the church will be present and will not disregard the express will of Christ, "Do this in remembrance of me."

Last Sunday morning the theme was

HUMAN FOUNTAINS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

And the text was John 7:37-39 in which the Savior asserts that those who come to him and drink shall become personal fountains, out of whom shall flow rivers of living water, and the inspired writer explains that the living water is the Holy Spirit, which believers should receive on the day of Pentecost, after that Jesus had ascended to heaven and received His glorification. The Savior doubtless had in mind some such copious fountain as Silver Springs which at its opening gushes forth the Oklawaha River. His startling assertion is that those who receive the Holy Spirit on Pentecost, should become RESERVOIRS OF SPIRITUAL INFLUENCE and should be able to impart the gift to others, just as the iron bar that receives from the magnet attractive power, becomes itself a magnet and is able to impart to other iron the influence it has received.

In other words the Holy Spirit would be imparted to the souls of men not mediately through other human souls, who are "partakers of the divine nature" and "filled with the Spirit of God."

ON PENTECOST

The disciple band were filled to overflowing with "the spirit of life in Christ Jesus" and out of them flowed rivers of the "living water" and three thousand dead souls "passed from death unto life."

SINCE PENTACOST

The Holy Spirit ordinarily still operates in the same way. Down through the channel of the Spirit filled Christian, the Spirit of God is poured out in rivers of living water and through the mediumship of human souls "the Spirit of Life" is imparted unto others.

THE REASON WHY

Disembodied spirit cannot manifest itself to the world and exert an influence. Hence the spirit or soul must operate through the faculties of the body or in other words become incarnate. God is the Eternal and Invisible Spirit, of all life in the Universe. To influence the world God was incarnate in Jesus Christ who is said in the Scriptures to be "the image of the invisible God."

In the same way the invisible Spirit of Jesus Christ must become incarnate in the Christian and through the Spirit filled Christian influence the world. Paul says the Christian's body is a "temple of the Holy Ghost" and declares,

"Christ liveth in me" and "I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me."

NOT FOR APOSTLES ONLY

Jesus invites all. "If any man thirst," ANY MAN. The human spirit is the life of the body. The church is "the body of Christ" and the Holy Spirit is its life. Christ came that we might not only have this life, but have it more abundantly. It is His will and the Divine command, "Be filled with the Spirit."

SECRET OF SUCCESS

Our success in being the channel of life to others is in proportion to the measure of the Holy Spirit in us. In some the water of life is like the water in Hagar's bottle, in others like the artesian well, in others such as the Whitfields, the Wesleys, the Moodys, the Torreyes and others who have been "mighty through God," it has been "like rivers of living water ever flowing out from their Spirit-filled personality."

OUR MISSION

Is therefore to seek for the life more abundantly and to become so "filled with all the fullness of God" that we may be the living channels through which may flow forth rivers of living water, imparting life to others dead in trespasses and in sins.

Busy Brownville

Summer weather and a nice shower Sunday night improves the looks of all vegetation

Our community was saddened by the announcement that the spirit of Little Freddie, the oldest son of D. S. and Lizzie Williams, had taken its flight to the God that gave it yesterday, Monday, evening. The burial took place at Joshua Creek Cemetery. The little fellow was only sick a few days. A paralytic stroke attacked him Sunday night about 2 o'clock. Our Savior said "Suffer little children to come unto me."

Mrs. Lessie Godwin came down and spent a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Hollingsworth. She is just as happy as can be

Mrs. W. G. Welles, of Arcadia, was up to see the little sick nephew Monday

Mr. Heard's force of hustling orange packers is about to wind up the Jake Wey fruit. The yield has not been as good as was expected, but the quality is unusually fine.

We noticed in the Wauchula Advocate of November 27, an article that touched on the voting of dead men in Arcadia. What does this mean? Won't somebody explain, or will they wait until the next campaign?

Miss Clara Jackson, of Thomaston, Ga., niece of Mrs. C. Orr, a fine specimen of Georgia womanhood, and a most accomplished young lady, is visiting her aunt in Brownville. It is her first visit to Florida and she is perfectly carried away with the beautiful golden fruit. She says it is the prettiest sight she ever saw

Miss Rosa Pearce is training her pretty spotted pony, which will be one of DeSoto's attractions at the State Fair. (We mean the young lady and the pony.)

The young men of Brownville had a pillow Thursday night and had a big time. The girls all felt slighted, so Wednesday night the girls will have one and they have issued special invitations to the boys to come and every one bring a chicken. We predict that all present will have a big time

The writer wants to commend the young men that have been working at the oranges in our midst this fall for their sobriety and gentlemanly behavior whilst with us. It's a pleasure to be thrown in contact with such boys

The wedding bells will soon ring again in Brownville. Splasher.

Well Spoken

Just because the Arcadia CHAMPION is now an incorporated concern, 'tis no reason for one to believe that it will be a "champion" of the corporations.—Palatka Times-Herald.

Our Royal B. Child is laid up with sciatica rheumatism and unable to be out. He is greatly distressed by his enforced idleness, but takes what the Gods send with the best grace possible, in the meantime doing all in his power to overcome the disease

Timely Views and News

The holiday orange trade is now booming, and prices are stiffening in northern markets.

Mr. Bates, of the Tampa Tribune, is very busy this week in Arcadia assisting Mr. Leslie in preparing matter for the DeSoto county write up in the Tribune.

Mrs. Carry A. Nation is stirring up the frequenters of the saloons and public houses over in Scotland. She creates a sensation everywhere she goes and does good altho not in exactly orthodox ways.

The St. Petersburg Independent, one of the best newspaper properties in the state, is for sale at \$10,000, and a Kentucky editor with a sick wife, is a probable buyer. Mr. Powell has worked hard and deserves a rest, but we trust he does not mean to leave the state or quit the newspaper business.

A. Mawthorne, traveling traveling solicitor of the Tampa Times paid us a pleasant call Tuesday. His paper has a live Arcadia correspondent and should reach out for a larger number of subscribers in DeSoto county. The Times is on the right side of many public questions and deserves wide circulation.

J. Ira Gore, nephew of Fred. S. Gore, of our city, after several months as city editor of the Times-Union, has broken down from over work and gone to St. Petersburg, where his mother lives, for a rest and recuperation. Mr. Gore is a bright young man with a future journalistic career of brilliance if his health will stand the strain.

Work is actively in progress in no less than a dozen counties in the preparation of exhibits for the State Fair at Tampa. In cases where the county commissioners have not taken the lead, private citizens have enlisted in the important work. Display of Florida products at the State Fair will be the greatest ever known.

The First Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America met this week in Philadelphia. It is a concerted movement among protestants for the spreading of the gospel, for securing peace between nations without resort to arms, and for preserving the sanctity of the marriage relation. The press of the nation is invited by this conference to assist in this effort for religious, civic and commercial purity.

It is now believed that the U. S. government possesses the secret of the most powerful explosives of the world. Up to the present time the Japanese are more than the material most destructive known, but wide experimentation by other nations will doubtless develop more deadly explosives than those now in use. All of which are to be used in keeping "peace." If your neighbor won't be peaceable by persuasion, kill him, is the policy of nations.

State Fair

With all plans completed, the daily program rounded out and a majority of the counties of Florida in line with exhibits for the big fair, the officials have settled down to the tedium of the details that will have to be worked out before the fair is thrown open to the public.

During yesterday Secretary Stovall spent several hours answering the unusually large correspondence, a majority of which is now with exhibitors in the counties which will be represented. These are all kinds of questions concerning the exhibits, transportation, accommodations, etc. To all of which Secretary Stovall sends word that there will be no charge for transportation, and a very small charge for those in charge of the exhibit for living expenses.

Lee county will not make an appropriation for the county funds, but a letter has been received from J. L. Cutler to the effect that the county will be represented all right with an exhibit that will be one of the varied products of that county. Mr. Cutler is already interesting himself in preparing this exhibit

DE SOTO IN LINE

C. C. Pearce, one of the most enterprising and industrious citizens of DeSoto county, is now busily engaged in assembling an exhibit that promises to eclipse even that which he made last year. He furnishes a large part of this exhibit from his own products, and made a wonderful showing, taking many prizes. He is now at Arcadia interesting people there in assisting with this exhibit.

Members of the executive committee are now assembling data for the bureau of information that will be established during the fair. It is expected that this bureau will have a list of all of the available boarding places in the city, and that other information usually furnished by fairs and expositions will be at hand.—Tampa Tribune.