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Young man, come to South Florida, locate amongst the genuine aristocracy of the republic, plant pineapples and get rich.

The Fort Myers Press has just reached its eighteenth birthday and is only \$1.50 a year, though it is worth thousands of dollars to Lee county and to Florida.

The frequent mention in the Fort Myers Press of "the new railroad" suggests the inquiry: Which is the old one?

The Fort Myers Press announces an intention of getting a law passed to prevent Punta Gorda fishermen from catching fish in Lee county waters. Doesn't this seem to partake of the policy of the canine occupant of the hay-loft?

The Wauchula Advocate contains the peculiar announcement that it has "flattering prospects for an infant less than one year old." Doubtless the excitement of the prospect prevented a clearer expression in saying "less than a year." Here's our congratulations, nevertheless.

And now Mr. Third Assistant Postmaster General Madden comes out and says that he didn't. We believe him, for nobody but a pirate and a robber would prohibit a country newspaper from crediting its subscribers. But the fellow that told the tale on Col. Madden ought to be bumped.

With one railroad running to Uaupis Island and another to Boca Grande and no room to spare for anything but docks, Punta Gorda is likely to become the residence of many people who cannot find suitable locations for homes down the bay. There is no lovelier location for homes than on Punta Gorda's pine plain along the sunlit bay.

The country does not ask for one cent letter postage. Nobody is complaining of the present rates. Better wait until the Postoffice Department becomes self-sustaining before undertaking any reduction in the rates of postage. To reduce under present circumstances would be simply robbing Peter to pay Paul, as there would result a big deficit to be made up from the resources of other departments.

The first number of the Florida Christian Advocate issued by the new publishers appeared last week. Despite the immense amount of work involved in making the changes in one week, the paper is a credit to the Hill Printing Company and to Editor L. W. Moore. It is up-to-date in all particulars, including its modern shape of sixteen pages with three columns to the page. The publishers have undertaken a big task, but it is sincerely hoped that they will make a brilliant success financially and otherwise.

Touching the suburban character of Fort Myers as an adjunct to Punta Gorda, the Press retorts "that Punta Gorda is situated too close to this bright star of the southern Florida firmament to ever amount to anything"; and yet in the very next paragraph the Press says that Punta Gorda is to have an ice plant that will turn out 400 tons of ice per day, "which will be the largest enterprise of the kind in the State." We trust that our beautiful southern suburb on the romantic Caloosahatchee is not already experiencing any chilling effects from this mammoth enterprise, whose completion will prove it the biggest thing of the kind on the Western Continent.

Nominations to be Made.

Next year will be a lively one politically in Florida, as candidates for three state offices, and possibly four are to be chosen—a Comptroller, to fill the unexpired term of the late W. H. Reynolds; a Justice of the Supreme Court, to succeed Milton H. Mabry, upon the expiration of his term, and a railroad commissioner to succeed Hon. John M. Bryan, whose term will soon expire. Should Hon. William B. Lamar, Attorney General, resign that office to become a candidate for the nomination as a member of Congress from the Third District, his office to be temporarily filled by an executive appointment, will also be in the list of nominations to be made in the coming primary. Nominations for Congressmen in the First and Second Districts will also have to be made.—Merropolis.

The Plant System will operate dining cars between Jacksonville and Tampa Bay Hotel on trains 25 and 78. This popular Railway is inaugurating this season the finest train service ever operated in South Florida.—if

THE METROPOLIS ON LYNCHING.

Referring to THE HERALD'S suggestion that a little lynching in days past might have had a wholesome effect in Duval county in preventing murder and stirring up the courts to a proper sense of duty to the people, the Metropolis says: "The Metropolis does not sanction crime as a punishment of crime. It prefers the courts, though slow, to do the punishing." Just so. But what if the courts are not only slow, but are actually inefficient, as in Duval? Would you think it better for murder to stalk rampant and unavenged through your city rather than have the people resume and exercise in their own defence the functions which they have delegated to the courts? For the courts are supposed to be the agents of the people in this representative commonwealth. We are told and we believe that desperate diseases require desperate remedies. The Metropolis, however, is not so emphatically opposed to lynching in meritorious cases as it pretends, a fact that is made apparent by its remarks on the escape of the murderer John Baxter from the Itachatta stockade on the night of December 30. Baxter was the murderer of a Jacksonville policeman and a tender hearted jury had sent him up for life. Touching his escape, the Metropolis of December 31st says:

"It is another case of the failure of a jury to do its duty to the law-abiding people, and a failure to abide by the oath taken."

Exactly; that is just what is the matter and why lynching often seems the only recourse the people have for their protection. After briefly reciting the details of the murder committed by Baxter, the Metropolis adds:

"The above is one of the many instances that causes Judge Lynch to assert himself. People, through the failure of juries to do their duty, thus lose confidence in the courts. There was never a crime more unprovoked than that committed by Baxter, yet he is at liberty today, and the Bradford county jury who is practically responsible for it, is forgotten, and its members will doubtless consider that they did right, and will be chosen to sit on similar cases in future."

Next the Metropolis recites the case of Tom Hammond of Duval county, who in cold blood and for the sake of money murdered his uncle, his grandmother and his aunt, all of whom had been his benefactors, for which he was sent up for life by another sickly jury, and after remaining a few weeks made his escape and has been free ever since.

In its next issue, that of January 1st, the Metropolis gave a brief account of several other atrocious murders whose perpetrators had finally escaped from the penitentiary to which they were sent and concluded with the following:

"Today we have in our jail two negro murderers whom it seems impossible to punish. They murdered two deputy sheriffs two years ago, and trials and retrials have failed to bring justice. One was convicted nearly twenty months ago and sentenced to be hung, but he was not. The other has had two trials and is to have the third this month, and it is doubtful if either of the murderers will be hung, but will probably be sent to prison and allowed to escape."

Just so. And Duval county is not alone. Alachua, Marion and several other counties can present equally as strong a showing in favor of lynching. Now, not to be misunderstood, the position of THE HERALD is simply this: In cases of willful murder and other capital crimes, give the courts a chance; and if the courts show, as they have done in Alachua, Duval, Marion and Orange counties, that they cannot or will not protect the people from murderers, then let the people protect themselves, no matter what reproachful term may be applied to their conduct. If this treason (or anarchy) make the most of it.

The law of self-preservation is the first law of nature, and the people, who are supposed to be supreme, have the natural and inalienable right to avail themselves of it in all cases where it is justly necessary.

THROUGH TRAIN TO TAMPA.

Everybody is pleased with the Plant System's new schedule, inaugurated Sunday December 22, by which Capt. Joe Lamar's lightning passenger express runs through to Tampa and back the same day. The train leaves at 7:05 a. m.; arrives in Tampa at 11:30; leaves Tampa at 4:10 p. m. and reaches here at 9:30 p. m. This will add greatly to the passenger business of the road, as it is such a great accommodation to the public.

The through train to Jacksonville runs as before—leaves at 4:30 p. m. and arrives at 8:15 a. m. This train carries the Pullman sleeper.

Control Your Temper.

There are three reasons why one ought to control his temper, and the first is self respect. When one loses command of himself and throws the reins upon the neck of passion, he may have for the moment a certain enjoyment in the license, but there must surely come a reaction of regret. When he is calm again and the fit has passed away, every serious person must be ashamed of what he said and what he did, of the manner in which he gave himself away and the exhibition he made of himself. He will recall the amazement on the faces of his friends and the silence which they adopted as a protective measure and the soothing language which they used, as if they were speaking with a baby, and the glances which passed between them as strong as he did before this outbreak, nor will he have the same claim upon their confidence as a cool and clear headed man. He has acted like a fretful, peevish child and has for the time forfeited his title to manhood and the place of a man.

Democrats Getting Together.

EDITOR HERALD—DEAR SIR: I see you criticised by the Ocala Banner because as it says, "You do not think the first duty of Democrats is to get together." I do not know what the politics of the Ocala Banner is, but from the interest he manifests in getting Democrats together, he betrays his hostility to Democracy. The old adage that "in unity there is strength," is still no doubt truth. But the loud cry that was taken up by Cleveland and men of his faith immediately after the Democratic defeat in 1900 for a reorganization of the party in which it was evidently proposed to get together on a platform of principles different from those declared in the conventions of 1896 and 1900. If these reorganizers can give us better Democratic platforms to unite on than those of 1896 or 1900, let them come out with it and we will consider their proposals. One of their most popular and prominent men has distinguished himself by declaring "he is a Democrat." But for the past five years a better test of Democracy seems to be demanded than mere profession. All true Democrats come out squarely in support of the main question and principles declared in Democratic platforms and vote for the nominees of the party if honest, able men are nominated. All such Democrats united in support of William J. Bryan in 1896 and 1900.

If there are Democrats who failed to aid in those elections because of anything undemocratic in either candidate, or the platforms, we must have a clear statement of what the bolters want before we, the six and a half millions of Democrats, propose to abandon what we believe to be democratic. All the leading Republican papers of the United States seem desirous for the Democrats to drop the platform and leaders of the party who made the fight against them since 1896, and take up other leaders and other issues. When Ohio Democrats failed to endorse the Kansas City platform, it gave those papers great satisfaction and the result proved of great benefit to their party; and we may be sure Republican office hunters and office holders would be sorry to see reorganizers take possession of the Democratic party if they thought that would bring defeat to their party.

The whole industrial interests of the country are now dominated by a coterie of trusts whose management in Wall street controls everything from gambling in stocks and grain, to controlling the value and amount of money in circulation, to the output of coal, copper, iron and even oil or manufactures. The fact will soon become known to the workmen and industrial classes of the whole country that the government under the rule of the Republicans is run altogether in the interests of class legislation, and the ill-will and hatred that has been manifested against Bryan is to be accounted for, not for any fault in him, but because they know him to be a friend of the common masses who can not be corrupted in the interests of financial swindlers, syndicates or trusts.

Any able, honest friend of equal rights would be met by the same brood of corrupt trusts who live by the toll of others. It's all right to teach the people that the interests of capital and labor are mutual; but so long as capital controls all elections, selects all officials, labor must expect little protection or justice in legislation. Whether the editor of THE HERALD believes in it, it is to be hoped he will always be ready to unite with those who believe in the Declaration of Independence.

A VISITOR

Mr. Crouch's Exhibit.

The Florida Industrial Record for December, referring to some of the attractions at the late State Fair, makes the following deserved mention of the exhibit of one of our citizens:

"Among the many fine exhibits at the Florida State Fair this year, that of Mr. William Crouch of Punta Gorda, DeSoto county, is worthy of special mention, being both a very creditable as well as unique display. The only exhibit of watermelons at the fair was made by Mr. Crouch. Such an unusual sight at this season of the year attracted much attention. The specimens were very large, weighing from thirty-two to forty pounds. This gentleman also exhibited one of the finest displays of pineapples, averaging eight to eleven pounds, of the smooth Cayenne variety. The exhibit of Japan persimmons was also one of the best, there being thirty very large fruits of the Sugar Leaf variety. A handsome display of large smooth lemons, limes, citrons and grape fruit also reflected credit upon the intelligent grower, but also on what can be done in DeSoto county. Growing pine plants were also shown, bearing blooms and large matured fruits, one pine weighing ten pounds and another nine and a half pounds. These were of the smooth Cayenne variety, and were raised under shed.

The writer noticed a splendid bunch of grapefruit, fifteen large, yellow fruits hanging in cluster. DeSoto county's display was excellent, and Mr. Crouch's was one of the best.

Seed Case for Sale.

Two thousand stalks green and ribbon cane.—J. H. HILL, Punta Gorda. 1-tf

Sewing machine needles, all kinds, at the Earnest Dry Goods Co's.

Tax Assessor's Notice.

I will be at the following places on my first and only round for the purpose of receiving tax returns for the year 1901:

Fish Eating Creek, Tuesday, Jan. 28, Fort Bassenger, Friday, January 31, Avon Park, Tuesday, February 3, Lake Stearns, Friday, February 7, Crewsville, from noon Saturday, Feb. 8, until 12 m. Monday, 10th, Sweetwater Postoffice, Tuesday, Feb. 11, until 12 m.

Maud Postoffice, Wednesday, February 12, until 12 m.

Bowling Green, Thursday, Feb. 13-14, Fort Green, Monday, February 17, Horse Creek, Wednesday, February 19, Lily, from noon February 20 and 21, Pine Level, Saturday, February 22, Oak Hill, Monday, February 24, Owens, Wednesday, February 26, Torrey, Friday, February 28, Wauchula, Saturday, March 1, and Monday, 3.

Zolfo Springs, Tuesday, March 4, Ona Postoffice, Thursday, March 6, Calvinia, Friday, March 7, Gardener, Saturday, March 8, Brownsville, Monday, March 10, Arcadia, Tuesday, March 11 to 13, Nocatee, Monday, March 17, Fort Ogden Postoffice, Tuesday, March 18.

Fort Ogden R. R. station, Wednesday, March 19, Cleveland, Thursday, March 20, Grove City, Saturday, March 22, Charlotte Harbor, Tuesday, March 25, Punta Gorda, Wednesday, March 26 to 28 inclusive.

F. M. COOPER, Tax Assessor.

Marshall—Peabody.

Married in the Methodist church at Sanford, January 3d Inst. Mr. E. L. Marshall, of Punta Gorda, and Miss Ina Bell Peabody, of Sanford.

Having had no reporter at the wedding, THE HERALD is unable to give the details of the happy event, but the prominence and popularity of the parties argue that it was a brilliant affair and elicited great interest in the social circles of Sanford where the bride has been one of the reigning belles. She is one of the accomplished daughters of Maj. and Mrs. E. W. Peabody and a niece of Mrs. Geo. W. McLane of this city. She has many warm friends all over South Florida from Sanford to Fort Myers, all of whom will unite in heartfelt wishes for her future happiness. Talented and captivating, she is a valuable acquisition to Punta Gorda society which welcomes her with the greatest cordiality.

The fortunate groom is one of our most promising and popular young men, blessed with sterling qualities of head and heart and all the requisites that go to make up an excellent husband and a valuable citizen. His numerous friends rejoice in his happiness and congratulate him on having won such a lovely and lovable bride.

The couple will make their home in the residence on Marlan avenue immediately east of the Methodist church, which has been put in thorough condition and nicely furnished for them. After next week they will be at home to their many friends.

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A. F. Dewey, PUNTA GORDA, FLA.

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing under the firm name of Patrick & Rickerson was dissolved December 19th, 1901, Jesse Patrick retiring and selling his interest to N. N. Wakefield. The new firm of Wakefield & Rickerson assume all liabilities and collect all accounts due the old firm.

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