

Earnest Dry Goods Co.



New Spring GOODS Daily Arriving.

Some of the prettiest Spring Goods ever seen are now on exhibition at our store and it will pay those who are seeking

Early Novelties

to call and see these beautiful goods in all the Early Spring Creations. Our new goods consist of everything in the Dry Goods line. Shoes, Hats, Clothing, Furnishings, etc. Call early.

We still have some very desirable Winter Goods that we are sending out by the armful at unheard of prices. These goods must go and you can get them at less than half value as we need the room for our spring goods, and the money. Call and see us.



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New Grocery! New Goods!

FRESH AND RELIABLE STOCK OF STAPLE and FANCY GROCERIES.

At the Lowest Living Prices. Prompt delivery free to any part of the city. A share of your patronage is solicited.

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Big Supply of Stove Wood Cut to any length desired. Orders filled promptly at the LOWEST PRICES.

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Next door to the Postoffice, PUNTA GORDA.

For Rock Bottom Prices in STAPLE AND FANCY GROCERIES

FRESH and RELIABLE and also the cheapest crockery in town.

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N. D. SMITH, F. C. LEE, J. W. LESTER.

The Tampa Monumental Works.

Marble and Granite Monuments. Headstones and Tablets.

TAMPA, FLORIDA. Work Set Up in Any Part of the State. HIGH GRADE IRON FENCING A SPECIALTY.

To the People of Punta Gorda and Vicinity

I beg to announce that I am adding to my stock of First Class Groceries, Fruits and Confectioneries a big line of CROCKERY, GLASSWARE AND TINWARE.

and will continue to put in new lines of goods of different kinds as may be required until my stock is second to none in town.

I respectfully invite you to call and inspect my stock and prices, assuring you of SATISFACTION IN BOTH PRICE AND QUALITY OF GOODS.

Very truly yours, THOS. O'R. JAMESON, Punta Gorda

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Do you know what HEALTH INSURANCE is? It may be worth \$50 per week to you to call at this agency and be informed.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

PERSONAL POINTERS FITFULLY PRINTED.

Various Items Garnered From This and Other Fields—What Our People Are Doing.

March marched in wildly.

DeSoto circuit court meets next week.

Mr. Yancey Teachey visited Arcadia Tuesday.

The Knights of Pythias grand lodge will meet in Tampa March 12.

Capt. Joe Lamar spent Monday and Tuesday at Kissimmee attending court as a witness.

Born, to Rev. and Mrs. H. W. Joiner, Saturday afternoon, February 28, a daughter.

Messrs. R. S. Windham and A. S. Burnham have dissolved partnership. See notice.

Aunt Caroline Bryan, widow of Travis Bryan, died at Bowling Green, March 3rd inst.

Capt. D. G. Ward's sharpie, "Rescue" brought in 10,000 pounds of mullet Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Williams, of Ft. Ogden is visiting her son, Mr. M. V. Williams, cashier of the bank.

Read the new advertisement of that popular confectioner and purveyor of cool drinks, J. B. Cox.

Col. B. K. Marshall, wife and child, of Louisville, Ky., are enjoying a fortnight's stay at Hotel Punta Gorda.

There will be no morning service in the Baptist church Sunday, but the usual evening service will be held.

Messrs. Jake Way and wife, Wm. Platt and attorney W. E. Leitner, of Arcadia, spent Sunday here visiting kindred and friends.

Attention is directed to the new advertisement in today's paper of that widely known and hustling merchant, E. Wotitzky.

Special prices in various lines are being offered by McLane & Oliver. See what they say elsewhere in these columns.

Mr. Norman C. Hewitt has been granted license to run boats propelled by gasoline engines up to one hundred tons gross, which is the highest license of his class.

If the old saying comes true, that the weather of the first three days of a month rules during the month, we may look for some squalls before the Easter festival.

Call on N. N. Wakefield for your hay and grain. 3-1f

Austin H. Hart, a prominent citizen of Buffalo, N. Y., with his wife and her maid, stopped over Sunday at Hotel Dade on their way to Fort Myers.

Z. H. Curry is now supplied with one-quart delivery buckets, and local customers ordering oysters of him need not go to the trouble of sending buckets for them.

F. G. Arnold, Arcadia's wide-awake photographer, will be here soon. Save all your work for him, and also save money for yourselves.

The Messrs. Roach, of Uesepa Inn, came to town Saturday in their magnificent launch and dined at Hotel Dade. They were accompanied by Mr. A. G. McMichael, a capitalist of Chicago.

"Mina," an elegant new little naphtha launch belonging to Mr. Thos. A. Edison, arrived here by rail last week and left Monday morning by water for Fort Myers. But Mr. Edison went by the Plant steamer.

Capt. A. Roe, as may be known, has added several lines to his business. Besides a big supply of all kinds of stock feed, he now keeps cement and fertilizers and is agent for Holcomb's excellent home-made cypress cisterns. See his new ad.

In response to numerous enquiries we answer briefly that Punta Gorda is located on Charlotte Harbor bay, and that the town called Charlotte Harbor is directly across the bay and opposite Punta Gorda. We hope this explanation will explain.

Mr. William McArthur, a genial Scotchman from "the land o' cakes," but recently from Texas, is in Punta Gorda looking after some land interests. Mr. McArthur may decide to remain here as he is in love with the climate.

Hon. Robert McNamee, of St. Petersburg, presumptive candidate for Congress, stopped over at Hotel Dade Tuesday night, en route to Fort Myers on legal business. His old friend of THE HERALD received a pleasant call from him.

Judge Joseph B. Wall and State's Attorney Peter O. Knight spent Sunday night at Hotel Punta Gorda and left next morning for Fort Myers to hold circuit court for Lee county.

Col. T. L. Wilson, of Bartow, political aspirant and able lawyer, went with them.

For additional local news read the second page.

Capt. Chas. G. Davis and A. F. Dewey have returned from Kentucky.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Baldwin spent the week visiting relatives and friends in Bowling Green.

The hunting season closed March 1st, and game wardens are on the quiver for violators of the law.

The sidewalks about town have received a great deal of attention of late and the result is a general improvement.

For fine and satisfactory laundry work, try Townie's Tampa Steam Laundry, J. S. Goff, agent. See advertisement.

Don't forget that THE HERALD has plenty of nice, clean newspapers for sale at 20 cents a hundred. 1f

The first quarterly meeting of the DeSoto circuit of the M. E. Church, South, will be held at the Ft. Ogden church on March 22 and 23.—News.

Mrs. E. A. White, the expert and accommodating manager of the local telegraph office, had a pleasant visit to Jacksonville recently.

Rooms for rent—three good ones. Apply to N. N. Wakefield. 3-1f

His tent having been wrecked by the wind last week, Mr. J. Anderson has set up his photograph gallery downstairs in the two-story building on the corner of Cross street and Marian avenue.

Strawberries, grapefruit and oranges with which to feast President Roosevelt at the Charleston Exposition, were ordered from our flourishing county neighbor, Wauchula. It was an oversight not to order the pineapples from Punta Gorda.

The steamer H. B. Plant broke her valve stem when coming up from Ft. Myers Tuesday and lay over here Wednesday to get a new one. Her down run Wednesday was taken by the Ft. Myers boat Thos. A. Edison.

WOOD! WOOD!—Big supply thoroughly seasoned stove wood, at N. N. Wakefield's. 3-1f

Those who are sending their watches and jewelry away for repairs, should read carefully the advertisement in this paper of R. L. Turner, of Tampa. He stands high in that city as a workman, a dealer, an optician and a gentleman. He understands his business, is prompt and reliable.

Some representative ladies met in the Presbyterian church last Friday afternoon and took preparatory steps towards organizing a local branch of the W. C. T. U. There is nothing like organized effort, especially by ladies, and in this instance we trust they will persevere vigorously.

Mrs. A. D. Winfield, Patter-son, N. J.; R. H. C. Valentine, Lodge wood, N. J.; P. E. Troloar, Chicago; Wessels Ryerson, Lake Hopatcong, N. J., and Miss Matthews, Newark, N. J., after spending Sunday at Hotel Punta Gorda, left for Groves City Monday morning.

Dr. R. V. Pierce, of Buffalo, N. Y., who is luxuriating in the attractions of this region, lost his finest hunting dog down in the Myakka forests last week from the bite of a rattlesnake inflicted in the left fore-leg. The doctor tried to administer hypodermically a solution of permanganate of potash, which is said to be a sure cure, but in his hurry he broke the needle. The dog suffered great agony and died in 21 hours.

WANTED—To rent a small house with conveniences for garden and chickens. Must have water. Apply at this office. 1f

The fact of scarlet fever having been at Arcadia leads some excitable persons to imagine that every case of sickness amongst children in this vicinity is scarlet fever. Accordingly, they go off and report that the disease has appeared in some neighbor's family when it has not done so. This is a serious offence against both the town ordinances and the State laws and is punishable by \$100 fine and imprisonment. Excitable people would therefore be wise to keep the law and its penalties in mind when they feel disposed to circulate incorrect reports concerning the existence of scarlet fever or any other contagious disease.

Messrs. J. C. and O. E. Hickman arrived here from Tampa Saturday evening in a gasoline launch which they were taking to Cleveland to use in connection with their turpentine business. They had a thrilling voyage and would have been wrecked but for our Z. H. Curry, who was their pilot and who emphatically disobeyed their order to run through Stamp Pass. Carry threatened to jump overboard and swim ashore if they persisted in going through that pass; and had they persisted, they would have been wrecked. As it was, they made a safe trip of it, though it was fearfully rough.

DWELLING FOR RENT OR SALE. A nice, substantial new dwelling, newly painted, with ten rooms, 3-acre lot, good cistern, artesian well of sulphur water, chicken house etc., near the big ice factory. Is for rent or sale at a reasonable price. House is comfortably furnished throughout and will be rented with or without furniture, but a sale is preferred. Apply to THE HERALD.

FOR RENT—A four-room cottage in Lavilla with one and a half acres of land for gardening. This place is also for sale with a half acre more set with pineapples. Apply to J. A. ROBERTS, Punta Gorda. 6-1m

LAST WEEK'S BREEZES

Sunk a Steamer and Did Some Other Damage.

Gales and rain storms appear to have visited all the eastern and southern portions of the United States last week and havoc was wrought in many places outside of Florida.

Here at Punta Gorda the only serious result of the gale was the sinking of the Fort Myers steamboat Rignel at Charlotte Harbor last Friday evening. In attempting to find an anchorage near the old dock, the boat was heaved upon the end of a sunken pile which pierced her hull, and she went to the bottom. She is a total wreck. Loss, estimated, about \$2,000. She was in command of Capt. Jim Meredith, one of her owners, and she had aboard Messrs. Horton and Battery, two New York capitalists who were on their way to the Myakka river to inspect a large tract of land owned by Mr. Horton.

Another casualty, so to speak, was the beaching of Capt. Norman Hewitt's naphtha launch, Wil-Wach. The boat was held by two anchors near the railroad dock, but the wind of Thursday morning carried her, and she was heaved heron upon the sands. She was but little damaged.

Many shingles that were not properly nailed were blown off houses about town and the wind drove the rain through cracks and crevices into many ill-constructed dwellings.

The cistern at the house of Mr. M. Tucker got so full of rain that the bottom hoop burst and all the water ran out. Two inches of ink mud was left in the bottom of the cistern as a mute appeal to the council for an artesian well. Mr. Tucker is enjoying a water famine through no fault of his own.

The Charlotte Harbor people, who were right in the teeth of the gale, had "a time of it" saving their boats, in which they succeeded.

Mr. Knight's launch was kept running all night with her nose in the wind to keep her off the beach.

Upon the whole, the gale treated this locality very kindly, though it made things quite interesting for two or three nights and days.

MARRIED.

Mr. Charles Krause and Miss Frances Hilcox were married at the residence of the bride's mother in this city on Saturday evening, February 22, Rev. J. E. McIntosh officiating.

The bride is quite a popular young lady, well known for her amiability, while the groom is a young gentleman of sterling worth and holds a responsible position on the steam tug Dewey. The many friends of the happy couple wish them a long life of uninterrupted happiness.

To Manufacture Extracts.

Several enterprising gentlemen led by Mr. McAdow and Dr. Best have decided to put up a plant here for the manufacture of extracts from pineapples, oranges, lemons and other fruits. A syndicate in New York has agreed to handle the output.

Dr. Best has a formula for making extracts which is pronounced by skilled judges the best yet discovered. Operations are expected to commence by April 1st. As there is ample capital back of the scheme with a market guaranteed for the products, the success of the enterprise is a foregone conclusion. It will be an important addition to the industries of Punta Gorda.

Bereaved of Their Mother.

The Columbia, S. C., State announces the death in that city, February 25th, of Mrs. Robert G. Lamar, age 73 years, and pays a high tribute to her memory. She was the mother of Capt. T. J. D. Lamar, of this city, and Mr. Wm. F. and Miss Ellis G. Lamar, of Arcadia, all of whom were with her at the time of her death. These have the sincere sympathy of a host of friends throughout this region. Besides her children in this county, Mrs. Lamar leaves two sons in Montgomery, Alabama, three daughters in Columbia and one in Whitey, S. C. She also leaves an aged husband, to whom she had been married 52 years.

She was a grand old "mother in Israel" and her death is widely lamented in South Carolina.

ROBERT MEACHAM DEAD.

Robert Meacham, a noted darkey who was at one time postmaster of Punta Gorda, died at his home in Tampa last Friday and was buried there the following day.

He was prominent as a preacher but more so as a Republican politician; and notwithstanding his color and his politics, he stood high in the esteem of the white people, to whom he was always respectful and accommodating.

He led an eventful life up to a few years ago, when age and its infirmities forced him into quietude. In 1896, a Tampa policeman named Milton shot and nearly killed Meacham, for which Milton was sent up for life. Meacham's death is regretted both in Tampa and Punta Gorda.

A Paying Education.

A thorough business or shorthand education is a paying one, especially from a high grade college. Such an institution is the Tampa Business College of Tampa, Florida, which has been established since 1890. It holds the highest premiums from the Florida State Fair and employs the very best instructors. A training at this college is paying, because its President secures employment for its graduates. If you want to know more of this excellent Business Institution write for a free catalog. Address your card or letter to Tampa Business College, Tampa, Fla.

NEW GOODS ARRIVING



I beg to announce that my

Spring and Summer

STOCK OF

Dry Goods Dress Goods Clothing Shoes Hats Notions Etc.

are beginning to arrive, and the people generally are cordially invited to call and see them. Meanwhile, I am

SELLING at COST and UNDER

Many desirable goods of my Fall and Winter stock to make room for the new goods. Only a limited quantity of these are left, so call early and make your selections.

J. R. ELLIOTT.

BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU EAT!

Good Health Demands

Wholesome Food,

SUCH AS YOU CAN ALWAYS FIND AT THE

P. G. M. AND S. S. CO.

(Punta Gorda Market and Ship Supply Co.)

Everything in the Grocery line, including Fresh Meats, of all kinds, Fruits, Vegetables, Eggs, and Chickens. Rock bottom prices throughout. Prompt Free Delivery.

Seward's.

Whole wheat and Graham flour at SEWARD'S. Before painting or re-painting your house get Seward's prices on paints, oils and Atlantic lead. New stock of ready mixed paints received this week.

Seward's hardware department may not be the most complete in the United States, but when it comes to prices, he'll startle creation. Ship chandlery, building material, tools, implements, etc., at honest prices.

Seward will positively save you 25 to 50 per cent on footwear. This is what scores of new customers tell us, and they speak the truth. Honest goods at live and let live prices is our motto. A new stock of good, durable shoes just opened.

Go to Seward's for fresh, first-class groceries at the lowest possible prices.

Remember, that R. K. Seward is agent for both Mapes' and Wilson & Loomis' fertilizers—best manufactured. Seward's gent's furnishing department is recognized by all thinking people as a money-saving annex. Here you get regular 50-cent articles for a quarter.

Seward will supply you with anything from a needle to a brick house, at the lowest prices. Remember this!

Seward's.

Everybody is Interested

In getting the BEST goods at the LOWEST prices. That is what we are doing—getting the best of everything at lowest cost and giving

Our Customers the Benefit of the LOW PRICES we get ourselves. Accordingly when in need of Dry Goods, and Groceries, Shoes, Hats, Gents' Furnishings, or anything else in the nature of FAMILY, FARM or BOAT SUPPLIES, you will find it to your interest to call on

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For 20 Years Has Led all Worm Remedies.
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