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FOR YOUNG OR OLD HEADS there's every style of straw hat known to the maker. Some are absolutely new in shape this season, Destined, however, to become very popular.

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Now is the time to get your **HOT WEATHER** dress goods, millinery, clothing, shoes, etc. We have them in all styles, quality and prices, and guarantee the best goods for the money. You will find our goods and prices right.

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La Villa Grocery,
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Staple and Fancy Groceries,

Hay, Grain and other Feed Stuffs. Stove Wood in large quantities. Orders delivered promptly anywhere in Punta Gorda.

New Grocery! New Goods!
FRESH AND RELIABLE STOCK OF
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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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The Tampa Monumental Works.
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Marble and Granite Monuments
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TAMPA, FLORIDA.
Work Set Up in Any Part of the State
HIGH GRADE IRON FENCING A SPECIALTY.

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Wholesale and Retail Dealer in

HAY, GRAIN, FEED,
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Sole agent for Armour's celebrated complete fertilizers and chemicals and the celebrated Magic Food for poultry and stock.

Agent for No. 1 Cypress Tanks with patent lugs, put up by D. A. Holcomb of this city. Call and get my prices and patronize home industry.

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,
Welch Block, Punta Gorda

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JOHN H. FARRINGTON - Agent.
Aetna Insurance Company of Hartford, Conn.
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Do you know what **HEALTH INSURANCE** is? It may be worth \$25 per week to you to call this agency and be informed.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

PERSONAL PORTERS FITTILY PRINTED.
Various Items Garnered From This and Other Fields—What Our People Are Doing.

City council meets Tuesday night. Mayor Freeman returned from St. Louis Monday night.

The hotel at Fort Ogden was burned last Friday evening.

It is now unlawful for horses or mules to run at large on the streets.

Work has begun on the new steel bridge over Peace river at Wauchula.

Pineapples are up. In the local market, they have advanced from 4c to 7c a pound.

Every dwelling, shanty, shack and rooming place in town is occupied and the demand is for more.

Wauchula last week shipped nearly 800 crates of beans every day and got good prices.

R. S. Windham this week sold his restaurant on King street to Capt. Taylor, a well known and popular fisherman.

Rev. H. Keigwin, an old friend of this scribe, while attending the presbytery meetings last week, was a welcome caller in this office.

Rev. David L. Lander, an able minister of Bradenton who was a delegate to the presbytery, brightened this office with a call last week.

R. L. Hopson & Co., have sold their mercantile business at Bowling Green to C. Y. Crawford, of Arcadia and will embark in the saw mill business.

Misses Maud and Violet Morgan are happy in the possession of an amiable donkey and are making their friends happy, too, by treating them to rides on the gentle creature.

Money to loan. K. B. Harvey, agent.

THE HERALD had a very pleasant visit last Saturday from Senator J. W. Whidden, DeSoto's staunch Democratic war-horse, who was here shipping cattle to Havana.

Elder E. L. Ferran, editor of the Eustis Lake Region, was a delegate to the South Florida Presbytery last week. He is the father of Rev. C. H. Ferran, the brilliant pastor of our

The city council need not think that Providence is on their side because we had a rain Monday. The demand for that artesian well is unabated. The children cry for it.

A fine rain fell Monday afternoon, whereat everybody rejoiced. It relieved the threatened water famine. Some hail fell with the rain, but not enough to hurt anything.

Editor Halle, of the Bartow Cracker, brightened this office with a call Monday. He went up and took a look at the monster ice factory and said it was the biggest thing he had seen in Florida.

The Punta Gorda Livery Stables, E. A. Seward, manager, is a new enterprise recently established which solicits a share of the public patronage. Good horses and buggies and fair treatment.

Dr. George D. Adamson, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Crystal River, preached here Sunday morning and night to unusually large congregations. His sermons were delivered in classic language, were well delivered and evinced marked ability.

Presbyterian church. Mrs. Ferran and their youngest son Carl accompanied him. The family took a delightful excursion to Fort Myers Friday and Saturday. They expressed themselves as well pleased with Punta Gorda and we are sure Punta Gorda was much pleased with them.

Visitors to Punta Gorda, on being shown what has already been done by the Consolidated Ice and Fish Freezing Co., are astounded at the magnitude of the enterprise. Editor Stout, of the Fort Myers Press, took a look at the operations Saturday and said they were prodigious beyond his imagination.

Round trip excursions to the romantic Myakka, daily 7 a. m., launch "Lorraine," in parties of six or more, 50c. each; Charlotte Harbor 25c.—10c if

Editor Nathan G. Stout, of the Fort Myers Press, got up a solitary and independent excursion for his own benefit last Saturday. He chartered a chair and a bunk on the steamer H. B. Plant and honored Punta Gorda with a visit. He is a handsome fellow and fully as nice as he looks. He is a stout man in grit and grey matter, but not in physique.

Mr. J. H. Davis, for four months chief printer of the HERALD, left Monday evening for Dayton, Ohio, where he has a better paying job than he had here. He was much pleased with Punta Gorda and hopes to return next fall or winter. In Georgia and Ohio he is widely known as a writer on the subject of poultry and other topics and he is the author of several books.

Miss Annie Bello Boyd is home from Fort Myers.

Mrs. W. H. Towles and son are visiting in Bartow.

Col. Pepper will occupy the pulpit of the Presbyterian church Sunday morning.

Arcadia lawyers have begun fighting even before the county primary is called.

County commissioner D. S. Williams, of Arcadia, spent yesterday here meeting his many friends.

About twenty guests were delightfully entertained, Wednesday evening, by Miss Jennie Bancroft in the Hartigan cottage.

FOR SALE: Cleaned Beggar Weed Seed: State quantity wanted. Write for prices to Jno. A. Germond, Edgar, Putman Co. Fla.

The dry weather is causing the red spider to flourish to the injury of the orange groves in the upper part of the county.

Everything in Punta Gorda seems to be "on the improve." All sorts of repairs are being made and a good many buildings of various kinds are going up.

From now till the summer's end, there will be no morning services in the Baptist church, but evening worship as usual at 7:30. Sunday school at 3 p. m.

There is not an idle carpenter or other mechanic in Punta Gorda! Every one has all the work that he can do and several builders have three to six months work ahead of them.

The registration books of DeSoto county will be open in every precinct on the 12, 13 and 14 of June in order to let the white democratic voters qualify to participate in the primary election which takes place July 15.

Owing to the increase of their business, Geo. T. Brown & Co., wholesale dealers, have had to enlarge the capacity of their fish house. Mr. Vining this week drove the necessary piling for the addition and carpenters are at work on the building.

Those highly esteemed regular winter residents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hannett, left Tuesday for their summer home in Shepherd, Michigan. Many friends here wish them a pleasant journey and a safe return next winter.

The Sunday schools of the Methodist and the Baptist churches had their picnics yesterday, the former on Alligator creek, the latter at Charlotte Harbor. The children had a delightful time and so did the grown folks who attended.

Herb Sewell discovered that the pile driver up at the Gollatham ice factory is a sort of an automobile. Accordingly, he put it on the railroad track and tied one end of its hoisting cable to the uttermost southern end of the Plant System, clapped on steam and the thing immediately hauled itself down to the bay, where it is now engaged piling the bay bottom to the Upper Silurian Era with tall pine trees.

Arcadia was well represented here last Saturday. At Hotel Dade the reporter found Capt. J. W. Whidden, R. E. Whidden and Son, W. W. Langford, R. C. Hendry, Wm. McClenahan, W. G. Gray and Miss Rhoda Hendry. The gentlemen were here looking after the shipment of 350 cattle to Cuba. The cattle went by Capt. McKay's schooner and are said to be a very fine lot, averaging 900 pounds each in weight.

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

In these columns Gen. Gilchrist makes formal announcement of his candidacy for the legislature. Perhaps there is not a man so widely known in DeSoto county; scarcely a voter but knows him. It is therefore wholly superfluous for this paper to speak of his qualifications or sound his eulogium, especially as it seems that he is to be given a walk-over. The fact that no one offers to run against him is a tribute to his popularity and strength. He has represented this county in the legislature before and his record is before the people to whose arbitration he submits his claims.

Mr. F. Marvin Durrance, jr., of Arcadia, announces in these columns to-day his candidacy for tax collector of DeSoto county. He has lived in this county all his life and his character and fitness are well known to most of our people. Added to his ability to discharge the duties of the office efficiently, he is blessed with youth, energy and ambition, which traits will inspire him, if elected, to serve the people to their satisfaction. As he will visit every precinct before the primary comes off, the voters will have a chance to judge him for themselves, and we feel sure that he will make a fine impression. He has many friends who will be glad to work for his election.

A WARNING.
All persons are forbidden under penalty of the law to cut, injure or remove any cabbage-palm or other trees from my hammock on the south shore of the bay west of and adjoining Solana.

14-1f FREDERICK W. HOWARD.

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 1887. 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.

NOTICE.

Of Meeting of Democratic Executive Committee, DeSoto County, Florida.

A meeting of the above committee is hereby called for Wednesday, the 7th day of May, 1902, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, in the office of the chairman at Arcadia. The purpose of said meeting is to arrange for a primary election for the nomination of Democratic Candidates for the several county offices to be filled this year. All members of the committee are urgently requested to be present or to see that their district is represented by suitable proxy.

This April 21, 1902.
Chas. W. FORRESTER, Chairman,
Attest: R. K. Seward, Sec.

CANDIDATES' ANNOUNCEMENTS.

FOR STATE'S ATTORNEY.
I hereby announce myself as a candidate for State's Attorney of the Sixth Judicial Circuit, subject to the action of the democratic voters at the coming primary.

H. S. PHILLIPS.

I will be a candidate at the coming democratic primary, seeking the nomination of the office of State's Attorney for the Sixth Judicial Circuit. I ask each and every elector at said primary to give me his vote and support.

SOLOM B. TURMAN,
Of the Tampa Bar.

FOR TAX COLLECTOR.
In response to the earnest solicitations of many friends and fellow-citizens, I take this opportunity to announce myself a candidate for the office of tax collector of DeSoto county, subject to the Democratic primary to be held on July 15th, 1902. I earnestly solicit the cordial support of my fellow citizens and promise, if elected, to perform the duties of the office faithfully and honestly.

Very Respectfully,
HENRY L. HOLLINGSWORTH

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of Tax Collector of DeSoto County, Fla., subject to the wishes of the Democratic voters of said County.

Respectfully,
F. MARVIN DURRANCE.

FOR THE LEGISLATURE

I announce myself a candidate for the Legislature. Conditions do not warrant a division of the county. If elected I will oppose such a measure.

ALBERT W. GILCHRIST.

DELIGHTFUL EXCURSION.

Whenever anything needs to be done, get the ladies to take hold and it will be done.

Funds were needed to extend the term of the high school, and Mrs. Geo. T. Brown went out and raised \$100 by subscription. Then Mrs. P. W. McAdow chartered the steamer H. B. Plant and advertised an excursion in the same behalf to Boca Grande on Tuesday night.

The excursion proved to be a brilliant success in every particular. Fully two hundred tickets were sold; and adding the receipts from the sale of refreshments, the net sum realized was an even \$100.

The amount of enjoyment reaped by those who went on the excursion cannot be reckoned in dollars and cents.

There were two bands of music, a string band and the Punta Gorda Brass Band, and the ice cream, cake, sherbet and cetera were so excellent in quality that the entire supply was wholly consumed.

The music was fine, the refreshments perfect and the company charming.

Every body was happy and all praised Mrs. McAdow for her superior management in providing such a pleasant occasion. She on her part expresses her sincere thanks for the generous patronage extended and especially for the help of those ladies who were active in serving the refreshments and contributing to the enjoyment and success of the excursion.

FINE CATTLE SHIPPED.

Regular shipments of cattle to Cuba from the big new dock in the western part of town began last Saturday, when Capt. James McKay's schooner Neely took on 327 head for Cardenas. They were bought by Capt. McKay from King Brothers and R. E. Whidden of Arcadia and were decided by cattle men present to be the finest lot ever shipped from this county at this season, the average weight being 900 pounds.

Amongst prominent stockmen present were Capt. J. W. Whidden, R. C. Hendry, W. W. Langford, Jerry Carlton and T. S. and Frank Knight, who wished to see how the new dock worked, so to speak. They pronounced it a decided success.

The Neely was towed by the big steam tug Albert F. Dewey. The next cargo of cattle will be loaded next Tuesday, May 6th.

NOTICE OF ELECTION.

Whereas, it has been made to appear by notice from the town council that there are three vacancies in the town council of the town of Punta Gorda, DeSoto county, Florida, therefore, I, J. H. Conannon, acting mayor of town of Punta Gorda, by virtue of authority vested in me, do hereby call and order an election to be held in the said town of Punta Gorda on Tuesday, the 3rd day of June, A. D. 1902, in accordance with the ordinances made and provided, for the purpose of electing one councilman to fill the unexpired term of J. C. Pepper, resigned, and one councilman to fill the unexpired term of J. F. Corbett, resigned, and one councilman to fill the unexpired term of J. H. Swift, deceased.

Witness my hand and seal on this 23rd day of April, A. D. 1902.
16-1d J. H. CONANNON, Acting Mayor

Our New Spring Stock
of Latest Styles in
Millinery,
Trimmed Hats,
and Sailors of all Kinds.
Dress Goods,
Trimmings,
Men and Boys' Clothing,
Hats and Shoes.

Is now in and ready for public inspection. We invite everyone to call and examine our goods and get our prices. No trouble to show goods.

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 gents' 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

E. WOTITZKY,
Punta Gorda, Florida.

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