

# EARNEST DRY GOODS CO



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.

Others are variations of the well known and well liked shapes.

\$5.00 will buy a hat with a big name but our

**\$1.00, \$1.50 & \$2.50 STRAW HATS** are all hat. Name is free.

We also have them from 25 cents to \$3.00 each.

Make your selection early.

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.

# EARNEST DRY GOODS CO

**La Villa Grocery,**  
FREEMAN & MORTON, Proprietors.

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  
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.

**N. N. WAKEFIELD,**  
Corner Marian Avenue and King Street.

**LOWEST MARKET PRICES.**  
Orders filled promptly. Telephone No. 39

**MANUFACTURERS OF**

**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.

Write For Prices and Information.

**-A. ROE-**

Wholesale and Retail Dealer in

**HAY, GRAIN, FEED,**

**Lime and Cement.**

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

## FIRE, HEALTH AND ACCIDENT INSURANCE!

**JOHN H. FARRINGTON - Agent**  
Actna Insurance Company of Hartford, Conn.  
Continental Fire Insurance Company of New York.  
Pacific Fire Insurance Company of New York.  
The Fidelity and Casualty Company of New York.  
Do you know what **HEALTH INSURANCE** is? It may be worth \$25 per week to you to call at this agency and be informed.

## LOCAL BREVITIES.

### PERSONAL POINTERS FINELY PRINTED.

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

County commissioners and school board met Tuesday.

H. T. Lykes, jr., of Tampa, was a guest of Hotel Dade last Saturday.

Mr. J. Garfield King, of Arcadia, visited friends here Sunday.

Messrs. H. C. and W. A. Southernland, brothers, of Wauchula, spent Monday here attending to business.

Capt. Joe Lamar left last week for Hot Springs, Ark., to spend a few weeks in recuperation.

Mr. Everett Bass and family have returned from Klamimnee and will make their home here.

The Orlando district conference of the M. E. Church, South, will meet at Arcadia next Wednesday, May 14th.

Watch out every week for McLane and Oliver's new advertisements. They have bargains to offer every time.

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

Read the card of the Pioneer barber shop, J. Rasch, proprietor, and give him a call. He is one of the most polite as well as skillful barbers in all the land.

A protracted meeting which is developing much interest, is going on at the Methodist church under the conduct of the pastor, Rev. H. W. Joiner.

Pellicans, porpoises, tarpon and sharks sporting in the waters interest the idlers and others on the railroad dock. These are attractions which should be preserved.

The Wauchula Advocate says that Mr. J. D. Southernland will be a candidate for tax collector. If ruled out of the democratic primaries, his friends will run him in the regular election.

The China store has just received a large stock of many very pretty novelties in China and glassware, also photograph frames, and is selling at very reasonable prices. See new advertisement.

An excursion by daylight to Boca Grande is advertised for the coming Sunday morning. The steamer H. B. Plant will leave the dock at 7 A. M., sharp and return at 6 P. M. Fare for the round trip 50c; children half price.

The delish'us cool drinks, ice cream, fruit and confections dispensed by Messrs. B. Cox have attracted such a rush of customers that he has not had time to write a change of his advertisement. If you want to get cool cheaply and pleasantly, just go to Cox's.

There was a delightful excursion to the Myakka Wednesday, conducted by Messrs. Ed M. Earnest and LaRue Giddens. Amongst the ladies were the following: Mrs. Keyser and Messrs. Giddens, Keyser, Stetson, Seavy, Swift, Chatterton, Whitten, Best and Conolly.

Capt. McKay's big schooner, Neely sailed Wednesday morning with a cargo of 311 head of fine beef cattle for Cuba. They were bought from the King Brothers of Arcadia; averaged 675 pounds each; were weighed in one hour and put aboard in two and a half hours.

Mr. Finis E. Parker is a candidate for re-election as county treasurer. He has served faithfully and correctly, proved himself well qualified in all respects, and, if re-elected, can be depended upon to do his duty with the same fidelity he has shown in the past. See his announcement.

In 1900, Florida had 805 manufacturing establishments; the figure of 2,058 was reached in 1900, an increase of over one and one-half over 1890; and it must be remembered that the increase is the more notable, since until 1895, Florida was regarded chiefly as a section adapted mainly to orange growing.—Pensacola Journal.

Mr. J. H. Andrews on Monday found a fine volunteer watermelon patch growing in the woods on the edge of a prairie out towards the mouth of Alligator creek. There were two nice melons on the vines and one that weighed about twenty-five pounds was ripe. Mr. Andrews appropriated the ripe one and says it was delicious.

Prof. D. E. Arnold has opened a conservatory of music at Englewood, which is already attended by a large class of young ladies. Six pupils on their way thither passed through here during the week, amongst them being Misses Willie and May Harney and India Prophet of Fort Meade. They were accompanied by Capt. Harney. More are expected during the coming week. Englewood is steadily growing in importance.

Bring your orders for job print to this office.

Col. W. T. Jamieson, route agent of the Southern Express Co., spent Sunday at Hotel Dade.

Col. U. W. Forrester, brilliant lawyer of Arcadia, registered at the Dade last Saturday.

Round trip excursions to the romantic Myakka, daily 7 a. m. launch "Lorraine," in parties of six or more, 50c. each; Charlotte Harbor 25c.—164f

Dr. Latham did not stay long in Arcadia. A few days after going there, he sold out the dental business which he had bought and returned here last Saturday morning.

Horses and mules are now prohibited from running at large on the streets of Punta Gorda. Owners disregarding this ordinance are liable to be fined.

Jim Daniels, who was here about twelve years ago helping Capt. Will Johnson run a boat, has returned, bringing a wife w' a him, and he intends to stay this time.

Gen. Gillechrist paid Punta Gorda a pop-call Saturday. He had been to New Orleans, Gainesville and other metropolitan centers, and now doubtless he is on the East Coast.

FOR SALE: Cleaned Beggar Weed Seed: State quantity wanted. Write for prices to Jno. A. Germond, Edgar, Putnam Co. Fla. 17-6f

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.

Mrs. R. S. Windham left last week to visit friends and kindred in Lakeland. After a few days, she will go to Lake county to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. A. Hux, at Astata.

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

Mr. Elam B. Carlton, of Arcadia, a gentleman well known all over the county, went down to Fort Myers on the St. Lucie, Saturday, to inspect with a view to selling a large body of cypress timber on the Caloosahatchee.

The Standard Oil Co. have erected warehouses and located an immense tank here for the purpose of making this a supply depot for all points between Bartow and Fort Myers including the latter. This is Punta Gorda becoming the axle-tree, so to speak, of a large scope of territory.

Mr. A. O. Hancock, the polite and handsome representative of Hancock's Liquid Sulphur Co., of Baltimore, Md., was a pleasant caller in this office Monday. His liquid sulphur is said to be a wonderful medicine and, as he has placed it on sale here, our people will have a chance of testing its merits.

Tampa Tribune: The Plant Steamboat Line has chartered the steamer Thomas A. Edison to take the place of the steamer H. B. Plant for the summer, on the run between Punta Gorda and East-Myers. The Edison and Plant recently engaged in an exciting race from Punta Rassa to Fort Myers, the Edison winning by a close margin.

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. 17f.

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

### BLIND TIGER RAIDED.

Charlie Sanders, a resourceful colored citizen, is in trouble again. That is, he is in duress, having been committed for 60 days in default of \$50.00 fine and costs assessed against him by Mayor Freeman last Saturday.

Somehow or other, Marshal Bowman suspected Sanders of a practical disregard of our prohibition ordinance and accordingly on last Friday, raided his lair with the result that the city now has and holds three barrels of beer and two cases and five quarts of whiskey that were found in Sanders' possession.

On trial before the mayor Saturday, a white man and a darkey both swore positively that they had bought whiskey from Sanders on the day before. "Nufsed," observed his honor, and the fine and alternative were promptly imposed.

### EARLY CLOSING.

We, the business men of Punta Gorda, Fla. agree to close our places of business at 7 o'clock, p. m., excepting Saturdays, beginning May 1st, and continuing to Sept. 1st, 1902.

The Earnest Dry Goods Co., Jas. A. Newcome, E. Goldstein, R. C. Blount, R. K. Seward, J. R. Elliott, A. Roe, McLane & Oliver, B. Basset & Co. E. Wotitzky, Punta Gorda Market & Ship Supply Co.—as soon as possible.

### READ WHAT THE DOCTORS SAY.

MATTLAND, FLA., October 10th, 1901. The Hancock Liquid Sulphur Co., Baltimore, Md.

Gentlemen:—I have have Ecze-ma over thirty years, have tried many remedies prescribe by various physicians, but to nothing has it undoubtedly yielded so readily as to LIQUID SULPHUR. I think if used properly it is undoubtedly a specific for ECZEMA. I have prescribed it for others with satisfactory results. I consider it the best remedy for cutaneous affections I have ever known, and regard it as the greatest medical discovery of the age.

Respectfully Yours,

W. A. HEARD, M. D.

## 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 to 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.

### FOR COUNTY TREASURER.

We are authorized to announce Finis E. Parker as a candidate for re-election to the office of County Treasurer, subject to the action of the Democratic voters in the coming primary.

### TEACHERS EXAMINATION.

Notice is hereby given that the regular semi-annual examination of Teachers will be held in the school building in Arcadia, beginning at 8 o'clock, a. m., on Tuesday, the third day of June, A. D. 1902. Applicants will please come provided with pens, ink and legal cap paper.

M. F. GIDDENS,  
Secretary of Board,  
18-2c Supt. of Pub. Inst.

### EGG EXTRAORDINARY.

Mrs. Josephine Jones, of this city, has a brown Lenglhorn hen that lays eggs of remarkable size. Four of these eggs presented to this scribe weighed four ounces each and each measured eight inches by six and a quarter inches in circumference. And they contained two yolks each. The hen herself is not of unusual size, but she is evidently paying for her "keep."

### POMPANO PLENTIFUL.

That paragon of food fish, the pompano, is now super-abundant in these waters; in consequence, wholesale prices have declined from 10c. to 7c. a pound.

One of Geo. T. Brown & Co.'s sharpies brought up on Monday morning 1,200 pounds of pompano, which were shipped on orders. This firm during the ten days ending to-morrow will have shipped 25,000 pounds of pompano. Other dealers are also shipping large quantities.

The boom in pompano bids fair to cause an extension of the fish-shipping season.

### HE RAISED THE ORDER.

Last Saturday, Hon. A. C. Freeman gave Thomas Clark, a darkey, an order on the Earnest Dry Goods Co., for \$110.00 worth of merchandise. The amount was written only once in the order and appeared simply as 11.00.

Thomas deftly made a dollar mark of the 11 by drawing an 8 upon it; then he erased the first naught and supplied its place with a 2. With this instrument he got \$20.00 worth of goods.

An hour or so later, Mr. Ed Earnest happened to meet Mr. Freeman and thanked him for the order. During the interchange of courtesies the fact came out that the order had been filled for \$20.00, whereupon Mr. Earnest went and got it and submitted it to Mr. Freeman, who at once saw the darkey's handiwork.

A warrant was forthwith sworn out; Clark was arrested, and the goods were recovered.

Upon preliminary inquiry before Justice Hardee, Monday morning, Clark admitted his guilt and, in default of \$50.00 bond, was taken to jail in Arcadia by Sheriff Fielder, Tuesday morning.

### AN EXCELLENT COLLEGE.

Littleton, N. C., is the seat of the deservedly popular and flourishing Littleton Female College. President Rhodes, assisted by his wife, the right woman in the right place, and a very able corps of teachers, is bringing the college into the very front line of our Southern institutions of learning.

It is a veritable hive of workers and more nearly than any institution we have ever known realizes Wesley's ideal church: "All at work all the time" And it all goes on smoothly and cheerfully under a wholesome, well regulated discipline, and the halo of our holy religion pervades every department of work.—Rev. J. B. Morton in Proshyterian Standard.

Our  
**New Spring Stock**  
of Latest Styles in

Millinery,  
Trimmed Hats,  
and Sailors of  
all Kinds.  
Dress Goods,  
Trimnings,  
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.

While 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's 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.

**WORMS!** WHITE'S CREAM VERMIFUGE!

For 20 Years Has Led all Worm Remedies.

SOLD BY ALL DRUGGISTS.

JAMES F. BALLARD, St. Louis.

For sale by the DeSoto Drug Co.