

# 3 THREE 3 Weeks ANNUAL INVENTORY SALE

During the month of August of every year we take our regular annual inventory and prior to that time, we propose to clean up and reduce stock as much as possible and to that end we make

**A General Seewping**  
cut, on all summer goods.

**Our Stock MUST BE REDUCED.**

Now is your time to buy  
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Way down  
Prices.

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### STAPLE AND FANCY GROCERIES

IN TOWN, I HAVE ADDED A SELECT LINE OF  
**MEN'S PANTS AND UNDERWEAR,  
Ladies and Children's Shirt Waists,**  
Big Variety of 5c. and 10c. Goods; also, a large stock of  
**Tinware, Tableware and Crockery.**

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Do you know what HEALTH INSURANCE is? It may be worth \$5 per week to you to call at this agency and be informed.

### LOCAL BREVITIES.

#### PERSONAL POINTERS FITLY PRINTED.

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

Next Monday will be Sept. 1st. Money to loan. K. B. Harvey, agt. City council will meet next Tuesday night.

Special sale of lawns at J. R. Elliott's for next 30 days.—30

County commissioners and school board are to meet next Tuesday.

Wm. L. Hopson of Fort Myers visited this city last Saturday.

Sweet Orr overalls, best in the world, 75c. a pair, at J. R. Elliott's.—4

Miss Gracie Barker has returned from a visit to kindred in Atlanta.

Great clearance sale of all summer goods at Earnest's.—29-31

Mrs. T. S. Knight of Charlotte Harbor registered at the Dade Tuesday.

Mr. C. L. Fries and family will move into their handsome new residence next week.

Black and galvanized stove pipe, popular prices at Swift's Tin Shop.—32

The weather last week was the hottest ever known here. This was the result of there having been no rainy season.

Kissimmee Gazette: Earnest Overstreet is now the polite and efficient soda-water dispenser at the Kissimmee Drug Co.'s.

Car load pineapple crates to arrive in a few days. A. Roe.—30.

Miss Agnes Green, a charming young lady of Pine Level, spent the week here visiting the family of her uncle, Postmaster Mizell.

Gen. Gilchrist sends greetings Aug. 22nd from the Plains of Abraham, where the immortal Wolfe died in the arms of victory.

Just watch the Butter fly.—30 ets. per lb. E. O. Coram.

Do, to Mr. and Mrs. George K. Bester, Harbor View, on Thursday, Aug. 21st inst., a daughter, weight 10 lbs.

Messrs. Perry Meadow of LaCosta Island and E. T. Becker of the Peace River Phosphate Co. were guests of the Dade Tuesday.

Ladies' and children's sailors at half price at J. R. Elliott's.—30.

Miss Olney Williams, a vivacious young lady of Arcadia, spent Sunday and Monday here visiting her winsome friend, Miss Nellie Brown.

Mr. E. C. Knight of Charlotte Harbor, with his mother, left last week for Indian Springs, Ga., to recreate and recuperate for six weeks.

Call 'Phone 67 for prompt delivery of groceries.—E. O. Coram.—301f.

The business of the Pioneer barber shop has increased to such an extent that Proprietor Rasch has had to employ an expert assistant barber.

After a pleasant visit of a month to kindred and friends in Middle Georgia, Miss Willye Stetson returned home last Friday. Her many friends gladly welcome her back.

Car load good, fresh salt just received by A. Roe.—30.

Mrs. P. A. Cook left Wednesday evening for Atlanta to place herself under medical treatment in a sanitarium. Her many friends hope for a speedy restoration of her health.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Yeats of Port Tampa City are visiting Mrs. Y.'s parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. I. Holcomb of this city. Mr. Yeats is a valuable employee of the Atlantic Coast Line.

PIEAPPLE PLANTS for sale—large, healthy Smooth Cayennes, for sale by N. N. Wakefield.—301f.

Messrs. Harry Dreggers and Ed Smith have bought of Mr. Geo. E. Bryant his grape-fruit grove on Alligator creek and Mr. Bryant has removed to Lakeland and gone into business there.

Arcadia proposes to bond for \$20,000 to build a school house and water works. The council last week published a statement showing the town to be in good financial condition.

Watches that tell the time correctly for sale and guaranteed by Val Taylor, Jeweler and Optician. 31

Arcadia strawberry growers have organized a stock company with a capital of \$2,000 to buy refrigerator cars for their own use and thus save the royalty they have been paying for the use of cars belonging to others.

Arcadia was well represented here last Saturday. The following prominent people from there were registered at the Dade: J. W. Burton, C. C. Chollar, G. R. Parker, M. L. Williams, wife and daughter; F. C. Wilkie, W. Leggett, C. M. Hendry and Sheriff Fielder.

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. 171f.

Mr. Ed Wotitzky made a business trip to Ft. Myers this week.

Now supply of yellow oil "slickers" at J. R. Elliott's.—30

Col. J. H. Hancock, Fort Ogden's legal luminary, brightened this city with his presence yesterday.

Millinery goods at less than half price at Earnest's.—29-31

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

Go to Swift's Tin Shop for galvanized iron stove pipe.—32

The weather this week resumed its usual Florida character of balminess, thus atoning for the torridity of last week.

Quilts and comforts, new stock just received at J. R. Elliott's.—30.

Mrs. M. V. Heusted of Charlotte Harbor spent the week here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Coram.

For stove pipe and fittings of all kinds call at Swift's Tin Shop.—32

Mr. Joe C. Whitaker and bride returned from their bridal trip yesterday morning and are now at home in Mr. Jesse Sandlin's residence.

Manager White this week completed telephone connection with Arcadia, and Punta Gorda can now talk direct with that thriving town.

If you wish to keep dry, walk under one of J. R. Elliott's umbrellas.—4

The Punta Gorda Fish Co.'s shrimp "Uist", Capt. Ward, is at Tampa seeking a crew to handle the stopnets. She is expected back tomorrow.

A special fertilizer for pineapple growers is being made to order for A. Roe.—30.

Rev. J. R. Marshall, of Wilmington, N. C., whose sermons last Sunday gave so much satisfaction, will again preach in the Baptist church at the usual hours next Sunday morning and night.

Have you tried "Palmatina", the new shortening compound? It is excellent. E. O. Coram keeps it.—41

Contractor Stephenson, having finally received the necessary materials, is pushing the work of enlarging the high school building and will have it completed in time for the opening of the school on Sep. 15.

Regular annual inventory sale now going on. Stock must be reduced and our prices will do it.—At Earnest's.—29-31

H. C. Clark of Tampa was here Monday and attracted much attention from the fact that he is 6 ft. 9 inches tall and wears a No. 14 shoe. He is with a man of fine souso and business push.

FOR SALE—One acre water frontage east of cattle dock, with riparian rights. Apply to Thos. O'R. Jameson, Punta Gorda, Fla. 34-1f

Col. M. T. Jones, wife and grandson, from Fort White, are visiting the family of Dr. G. M. Vincent. Mrs. Jones is the mother of Mrs. Vincent. They are very agreeable people and we trust they will be pleased with Punta Gorda.

Eyes tested and glasses fitted, correctly. Prescription glasses a specialty. Val Taylor, Jeweler and Optician, 2nd door west of laboratory. 31

Mr. E. B. Cornell, general manager of the Consolidated Ice Manufacturing, Refrigerating and Fish Co., arrived from Philadelphia last week and is looking over the immense construction work done here during his absence.

The best physic—Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. Easy to take. Pleasant in effect. For sale by all druggists.—pm

According to the local blacksmith, the lively stable people should have a dread of Sunday, as they have one or more wrecked buggies to take to the shop every Monday morning. Sunday drivers appear to be reckless, but not wreckless.

The Punta Gorda Cornet Band is ready for engagements. As many as twenty performers may be had on short notice. Address, M. V. Williams, Sec.—281f.

Route Agent Jamieson, of the Southern Express Co., was a visitor to Punta Gorda last Saturday. The large business which his company is doing here calls him to see us quite often. He is a very obliging as well as handsome official.

Prickly heat cured in one application by the use of Hancock's Lipoid Sulphur. It will permanently cure Eczema, Tetter, Pimples, Ringworm, Dandruff, Cuts, Burns and all blood and skin troubles.—31

DeSoto News: The mammoth ice plant, fish freezing and fertilizer factory, now under construction at Punta Gorda, is an enterprise of which little city in particular and the people of DeSoto county in general should be proud.

FOR SALE—One acre water frontage known as west half of Alice Park, situated between the Consolidated Ice Co.'s dock and the cattle dock. Persons meaning business, apply to Thos. O'R. Jameson; curiosity seekers apply elsewhere. 34-1f

Capt. Chas. G. Davis, the obliging manager of the noted Solana Pinerias, has the sincere thanks of the editorial family for two luscious Smooth Cayenne pineapples that gave a princely rounding-off to an otherwise ordinary dinner.

Hancock's Liquid Sulphur is endorsed and prescribed by many leading physicians throughout the country for all blood and skin troubles. Hundreds of cases have been permanently cured after many years standing by the use of Hancock's Liquid Sulphur.—31

St. Petersburg Sun: Word comes from the different sections of the fancy pineapple growing belt of the State that the prices now being realized from the fruit in the northern markets are very satisfactory. The prospect for a profitable marketing of this year's crop of pineapples is decidedly bright.

Mr. Albert F. Dewey last week went down to Fort Myers and bought the steamer "Bassenger" of C. A. Carson receiver. The boat was built at Kissimmee two years ago, draws two feet of water, is of 65 net tons burthen and will take the place here of the "Mary Blue" that was burned last month.

Henry L. Shattuck of Shellsburg, Iowa, was cured of a stomach trouble with which he had been afflicted for years, by four boxes of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. He had previously tried many other remedies and a number of physicians without relief. For sale by all druggists.—td

Marshall Bowman disturbed the equanimity of several of our fishermen, Monday. He arrested three of them for dumping spoiled fish into the bay in front of town, and Acting Mayor Concaannon fined them for violating the ordinance on the subject. The arrests were caused primarily by residents along the bay front making complaint.

SULPHUR BATHS AT HOME—Hancock's Liquid Sulphur baths are superior to those of the most celebrated sulphur springs, having the additional advantage of being made any desired strength. No home should ever be without a bottle of Hancock's Liquid Sulphur.—For sale by all druggists.—301f

Judge Hardee announces that the registration books for this precinct will be open for the registration of voters at his residence on Cross street every Tuesday and Saturday from 9 a. m. till 7 p. m. beginning next Tuesday, Sept. 2nd, and continuing until the second Saturday in October. Voters will take due notice.—2t.

Columbian Brand Evaporated Cream—Is a perfect substitute for milk and cream and is at once available for all cooking purposes. Use it on sliced fruits and cereals and in all kinds of beverages, such as tea, coffee and chocolate. Especially adapted to the requirements of soda fountain trade. For sale by all first class grocers in Florida. Prepared by BORDEN'S CONDENSED MILK CO.—td

Marshall Bowman and a deputy searched the town thoroughly, Saturday night, for they purpose of catching any blind tiger that might be lurking in the corporate limits. They visited every suspected place, but their vigilance and diligence went unrewarded, for they discovered nothing. This would indicate that the marshal has scared all the blind tigers out of town.

Dysentery Cured Without the Aid of a Doctor.

"I am just up from a hard spell of the flux" (dysentery), says Mr. T. A. Pinner, a well known merchant of Drummond, Tenn. "I used one small bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy and was cured without having a doctor. I consider it the best cholera medicine in the world." There is no need of employing a doctor when this remedy is used, for no doctor can prescribe a better medicine for bowels or adults. It never fails and is pleasant to take. For sale by all druggists.—td

Thomasville (Ga.) News, Aug. 16th: "Mr. A. P. Jordan, the brilliant and versatile editor of the Punta Gorda (Fla.) HERALD, passed through Thomasville last Saturday en route to Alabama to visit relatives. Mr. Jordan formerly edited the News, and has hundreds of friends here who will be pleased to learn that he is prospering and enjoying good health in his Florida town."

Not Over-Wise.

There is an old allegorical picture of a girl scared at a grass-hopper, but in the act of heedlessly treading on a snake. This is paralleled by the man who spends a large sum of money by hiding a cyclone cellar, but neglects to furnish his family with a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy as a safeguard against bowel complaints, whose victims outnumber those of the cyclone a hundred to one. This remedy is everywhere recognized as the most prompt and reliable medicine in use for these diseases. For sale by all druggists.—pm

St. Augustine Record, Aug. 22nd: Mr. W. S. Stetson, of Punta Gorda, is spending a few days in St. Augustine, having been summoned by the illness of his daughter, Miss Edith. The young lady was visiting the family of Rev. Mr. Martin, of Grace M. E. Church, and was here to recuperate after a severe spell of typhoid fever. She suffered a relapse and was placed in the Railroad Hospital, where she is now progressing favorably.

My boy when four years old was taken with colic and cramps in his stomach. I sent for the doctor and he injected morphine, but the child kept getting worse. I then gave him half a teaspoonful of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy and in half an hour he was sleeping and soon recovered.—F. L. Wilkins, Shell Lake, Wis. Mr. Wilkins is book-keeper for the Shell Lake Lumber Co. For sale by all druggists.—pm

Maj. W. G. Welles, the saw mill prince of Noctee and Torrey, spent Tuesday here admiring the many improvements going on. He placed in this paper an advertisement which we strongly commend to all our readers. Owing two of the largest and best saw mills in the State, he is prepared to fill promptly and correctly all orders for lumber and other building materials in any quantity desired. We can testify from experience that Maj. Welles is one of the most obliging, reliable and pleasant men to deal with that we have ever had the pleasure of meeting.

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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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