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Our fall goods will begin to arrive in about two weeks and we must have room as well as money and all summer goods now on hand must go. Only a few more left.

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GOOD NEWS FOR RETAIL BUYERS!

Besides the Usually Complete Stock of the Cheapest **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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LOCAL BREVITIES.

PERSONAL POINTERS FITFULLY PRINTED.

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

Money to loan. K. B. Harvey, agt. The guava crop is about exhausted.

The public school opens Monday next. Daily rains keep the atmosphere delightfully cool.

Maj. W. G. Welles, lumber prince of Noeatee, spent Wednesday here.

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

The fame of Punta Gorda is attracting many people here to seek a location.

Pastor Joyner of the Methodist church visited Charlotte Harbor Tuesday.

County Treasurer Finis E. Parker was mingling with his many friends here last Friday.

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

John Savarese of Tampa was here yesterday and the day before looking after his business interests.

Mr. Lott Allen of Bartow was here from last Friday to Monday, mingling with his many friends.

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

Mr. Frank Taylor of Leesburg, a model young gentleman and a valued friend of this writer, was a welcome caller in this office Monday.

Mr. Ed. M. Earnest leaves this week for the Eastern markets to buy the fall and winter stock of dry goods for the Earnest Dry Goods Co.

Mrs. Mary Allen and lively little son Coe returned last Saturday from a very pleasant visit with relatives and friends in Middle Georgia.

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

R. C. Blount, the clothing merchant, spent several days this week recreating at Walter Phillips' fishing camp near the mouth of the Myakka.

Mr. Edmund Scott, a prominent and hustling man of affairs from Arcadia, was a visitor to this city last Friday and incidentally brightened this office with a call.

PINEAPPLE PLANTS for sale—large, healthy Smooth Cayennes, for sale by N. N. Wakefield.—30tf

The Huckleby saw mill last week shipped more lumber than ever before in twice that length of time, which shows that its business is increasing and the country is building up.

Contractor Stephenson has completed the enlargement of the high school building and now there are seven rooms with accommodations for 300 pupils.

Jacksonville Metropolis, Sept. 6: Gen. A. W. Gilechrist, of Punta Gorda, Fla., and his mother, Mrs. James G. Gibbs, of Columbia, S. C., are at Asheville, N. C.

Truckers here are buying large quantities of garden seeds and the indications are that this section will produce an increased crop of vegetables this winter.

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

Mr. F. M. Ohlson of St. Petersburg spent several days here this week prospecting for a location. He is an old Leesburg friend of this scribe, who would be glad to see him settle here.

Rev. C. H. Ferran, the popular pastor of the Presbyterian church, returned Tuesday from his summer vacation, which he greatly enjoyed. He will preach Sunday morning and evening.

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.—36tf

Messrs. Phifer and Watkins of Noeatee and King and Watkins of Calvina have sold their combined orange crops, estimated at 15,000 boxes, to a Philadelphia concern for the supposed sum of \$30,000.00.

The News reports that Mr. and Mrs. Mahon have come here from Arcadia to make their home, and the Champion says that Mr. Ragland, a highly respected citizen of Brownville, has also come here to live.

Mr. J. M. Cameron, consulting engineer for the Consolidated Co., left Tuesday evening for a short visit to his home in Philadelphia. His sister, an accomplished young lady of that city, contemplates spending the coming winter here.

The China Store, of which Messrs. Robinson and Co. are proprietors, is getting in a large and varied assortment of new china, glassware and notions, and is selling at the most reasonable prices. Go and see the pretty new styles.

A goodly number of people went from here on the excursion to St. Augustine yesterday.

Dr. Latham has bought a fine new zither, on which he plays beautifully.

Black and galvanized stove pipe, popular prices at Swift's Tin Shop.—32 Mrs. Rasch and children have reached Germany safely and write back that they had a pleasant trip.

There will be a special song service in the Presbyterian church on Sunday night.

Call 'Phone 67 for prompt delivery of groceries.—E. O. Coram.—30tf.

Prof. and Mrs. Henry Damm have returned to St. Petersburg from their bridal sojourn in East Tennessee.

Mr. E. Wyatt has gone to Noeatee to meet Miss Lulu McGuire, who is on her way from Indiana to visit her sister, Mrs. E. Wyatt.

Call around and see the new gasoline stoves just received at Swift's tin shop.—30-tf.

It is reported that the Lee county officers this week arrested fourteen of John Savarese's fishermen on charges of violating the fishing laws.

For a bad taste in the mouth take Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. For sale by all druggists.—td.

Mayor Jones this week was defeated for re-nomination for mayor of Arcadia. His competitor was a gentleman named Phelan, as near as we could learn the name.

If may not be too late to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Cox on having been blessed July 28th with a fine son, whose arrival should have been announced in these columns, but was not. The happy event occurred at White Springs.

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. 17-tf.

Some of our people having got rich and frisky, are amusing themselves by horse racing, but they do not squander much of their wealth in the pastime. If they keep on, we may soon have a Punta Gorda Derby.

On next Friday, 10th inst., a special excursion train will be run from here to Tampa, leaving early in the morning and returning the same night. Ample coaches will be provided and the fare will be so low that every body can afford to go.

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 wanting business, apply to Thos. O'R. Jameson; curiosity seekers apply elsewhere. 34-tf

Mrs. W. H. Towles and baby boy passed through town last Friday on her way to Bartow, to which place she was accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Bell Boyd. From there she and Mr. Towles and Miss Annie Belle Boyd left this week for a visit to Hot Springs, Ark.

Littleton Female College, Littleton, N. C., is now practically certain of the largest opening Sept. 10th in the history of this popular school. This institution has an unusual record; it has already more than doubled its capacity and patronage in the last four years and now every indication points to another very large increase of patronage.

What Punta Gorda now seems to need most is fire protection. Every citizen appears to realize that this is a matter of importance, and the council would do a very popular thing to provide the requisite protection, even if it should cost something. The subject should be seriously considered and that immediately.

THE REASON WHY.

Hancock's Liquid Sulphur should be in every home; it is indorsed and prescribed by the leading physicians for such diseases as Eczema, Pimples, Ringworm, Salt Rheum, Dandruff, Diphtheria, Sore throat, Cuts, Burns, Open sores and all blood and skin troubles. No home should be without it. Ask your druggists for a book on Liquid Sulphur. All druggists.—tf.

Mr. F. P. Collier, Jr., the handsome and affable district passenger agent of the A. C. L., breakfasted at the Dade Tuesday. He promised to use his valuable influence for the restoration of the through day-train from Punta Gorda to Tampa; and if he succeeds, the people all along the line will love him more than ever.

Mr. D. P. Daugherty, well known throughout W. Va., most likely owes his life to the kindness of a neighbor. He was almost hopelessly afflicted with diarrhoea; was attended by two physicians who gave him little, if any relief, when a neighbor learning of his serious condition, brought him a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, which cured him in less than twenty-four hours. For sale by all druggists.

All prominent points on the Caloosahatchee having been connected by telephone with Fort Myers, the Press reports that the system will now be extended to Punta Gorda to connect here with the line to Arcadia, thus establishing telephonic connection between Fort Myers and Tampa. So it seems that we will soon be in a position to "hello" all over the country, if not elsewhere.

His Life Saved by Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy.

"B. L. Byer, a well known cooper of this town, says he believes Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy saved his life last summer. He had been sick for a month with what the doctors call bilious dysentery, and could get nothing to do him any good until he tried this remedy. It gave him immediate relief." says B. T. Little, merchant, Handcock, Md. For sale by all druggists.—td.

The Alva House, Mrs. J. J. Holland, manager, opened its doors to the public last week. It is the Jack building on Marion avenue near the bank. The house already has a good list of borders.

The Spanish vessel "Gracia" arrived here this week to load with 4,000 tons of phosphate for Falmouth and Plymouth, Eng. It is a matter of general satisfaction that the wheels of business for the Peace River Phosphate Co. are again revolving.

Mr. Albert Dewey's many friends will be glad to know that his wound is healing nicely and giving him very little trouble and no uneasiness of mind. As yet no clew has been found leading to the discovery of the person who shot Mr. Dewey.

Columbian Brand Evaporated Cream. Is made from pure, rich cow's milk. It can be used for all household purposes where milk is called for, as in tea, coffee, chocolate, beverages, for making ice cream, eating on sliced fruits, cereals, etc. It is of superior quality and delicious in flavor; keeps unopened indefinitely. All grocers. Prepared by BORDEN'S CONDENSED MILK Co.—td

Owing to the infirmities of advancing years, Judge W. B. Hardee, after long, faithful and efficient service, has resigned the office of justice of the peace for this district. His successor will be appointed by the governor and will hold till the end of next year.

Willis and Albert Dewey, accompanied by their grandmother, Mrs. Rogers, left Wednesday for Cleveland, Ohio, where the boys will spend the winter going to school. Mrs. Rogers will return in a few weeks. The boys carry a beautiful tarpon mounted by Capt. Watts, with which to electrify their school mates.

Water-Cure for Chronic Constipation.

Take two cups of hot water half an hour before each meal and just before going to bed, also a drink of water, hot or cold, about two hours after each meal. Take lots of outdoor exercise—walk, ride, drive. Make a regular habit of this and in many cases chronic constipation will be cured without the use of medicine. When a purgative is required, take something mild and gentle like Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. For sale by all druggists.—td.

Capt. W. B. Denham, the able and popular general superintendent of the A. C. L., was here a few hours in his private car Tuesday, looking after the interests of the line. He was accompanied by Messrs. Borden, Purdon, Haylow and Buchanan, other capable officials. The chief object of the visit was to introduce Mr. Borden, who is a new official, to that portion of the railway property which is within his jurisdiction. No news concerning the Fort Myers extension was given out by the party.

Every gentleman who contemplates buying wearing apparel of any kind is invited to read the advertisement of Mr. R. C. Blount, who is now getting in his fall and winter stock and can clothe you nicely from head to foot. Besides carrying a big stock of pants, hats, underwear, neckwear and shoes, he is agent for one of the biggest tailoring houses in the United States and can have you any style of suit made to order and a fit guaranteed. Give him a call.

Relief for the Suffering.

Hancock's Liquid Sulphur will give you immediate relief and permanently cure all such diseases as Eczema, Pimples, Tetter, Herpes, Ring worm, Salt Rheum, Dandruff, Diphtheria, Sore throat, Cuts, Burns, Open sores, and all blood and skin troubles. Hundreds of cases of skin diseases have been permanently cured by the use of Hancock's Liquid Sulphur after all other remedies have failed. For sale by all druggists. tf

The untimely death of Dr. Best, who was to be the manufacturing chemist and local manager, has defeated the proposed organization of a company to manufacture fruit extracts. Every thing was in readiness for the enterprise; the necessary building had been erected and equipped with the requisite appliances and the prospects were bright, but now the enterprise has been abandoned, at least for the present, and the building will be used for other purposes, possibly for a large, up-to-date and very tony drug store.

Before Contractor Starkweather finishes his contract with the Consolidated Company and pulls up stakes and goes away, it would be a good idea for some of our aldermen to interview him as to the probable cost of a 4-inch, a 6-inch and an 8-inch artesian well for the town. If we had in the business center such a well as Mr. Starkweather has made for the Consolidated Company, the problems of fire protection and an ample supply of drinking water would be fairly solved and the solution would be worth thousands of dollars to the town.

A Remarkable Record.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has a remarkable record. It has been in use for over thirty years, during which time many million bottles have been sold and used. It has long been the standard and main reliance in the treatment of croup in thousands of homes, yet during all this time no case has ever been reported to the manufacturers in which it failed to effect a cure. When given as soon as the child becomes hoarse or even as soon as the croupy cough appears, it will prevent the attack. It is pleasant to take many children like it. It contains no opium or other harmful substance and may be given to a baby as to an adult. For sale by all druggists.

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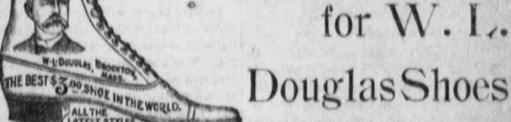
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