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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 1906.

Governor Jennings and family returned to Tallahassee Monday from their tour of the West.

Hon. John W. Trammell, a gentleman well known and highly respected all over this region, died at his home in Lakeland last Saturday.

The Democratic State executive committee will meet in Jacksonville tomorrow and play thunder, we suppose. There's no other card left them to play—only thunder. Now listen and you will hear it.

A dreadful wreck resulting from the collision of two passenger trains on the Southern Railway occurred at New Market near Knoxville, Tenn., last Saturday. Sixty-two persons were killed and 162 were injured. Amongst the dead is W. R. Spencer, of Arcadia, Fla.

Editor Frank A. Walpole, of the Manatee Record, is an applicant for the position of candidate for presidential elector, which was made vacant by the resignation of Hon. J. C. B. Koonce. Mr. Walpole would make an excellent elector and THE HERALD would be glad to see his name on the ticket.

Judge Parker's letter of acceptance was published Monday. It is an able, splendid document and must meet with the approval of a vast majority of American citizens. It is short enough to read and clear enough for any one to understand. As a political masterpiece, it is sure to prove a vote-winner.

FOR WINTER RESIDENTS.

A plan that would add greatly to the prosperity of Punta Gorda would be to secure a number of desirable winter residents, such as they have at Thomasville, Ga. There furnished houses rent for the season of four months for as much as \$1,200. A rental of \$600 for the season is common. Cottages of six to ten rooms, without furniture, rent for \$25, \$50 and \$75 a month. Nice people from Michigan, Illinois and neighboring States come down every winter and occupy all the desirable cottages that Thomasville has to rent. They buy their supplies in the stores and add greatly to business, to say nothing of the pleasing impetus they give to social affairs.

Now this is something that Punta Gorda should have and there is absolutely no reason why she should not have it, unless it be for the want of enough cottages. We have the attractions: the finest climate on earth, the best of health, a lovely bay with splendid facilities for boat ing and the most glorious fishing in America, to say nothing of the vast forest back of us abounding in deer, bears, wild turkeys and many kinds of small game. Indeed, if a man cannot enjoy life here, he might as well be dead, for he cannot enjoy it anywhere.

At Thomasville, there is no attraction for a man who wishes to enjoy life thoroughly. The nearest water is a creek four miles distant, which offers very poor fishing and worse boating. And the only game in the neighboring forests is squirrels and small birds. Tourists visiting Thomasville actually have to go down into Florida, to Lake Iamonia and other places, for genuine enjoyment. There is not even a theatre or an opera house in Thomasville. The only pretty things there are the women, the horses, the court house park, the cottages and several leading citizens. Nevertheless, many rich people go there from Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois and other States, pay good rents for cottages, buy provisions, drive fine horses and automobiles, and actually imagine that they are having a great and glorious time. If they should come here and take a look at this peerless bay, go on a boat ride and catch a tarpon, they would clap their hands with joy and say they had found heaven on earth.

Now, those of our citizens who are cottagers to rent might do a thing for themselves and the town by getting together and selecting one of their number to go into the neighboring regions of the Middle West and spread the good news that Punta Gorda is a place of perennial sunshine, pure water and unlimited health.

A SLANDER REPEATED.

The Bartow-Courier Informant last week printed on its first page, beneath glaring headlines, an outrageous slander on the people of Punta Gorda. It was the old story of August 5th about Governor Jennings having been hung here that day in effigy, which was widely published at the time, and promptly denied by well known and responsible citizens of this place.

It seems that a correspondent at Tallahassee had met some irresponsible and conscienceless Munchausen, by whom he was assured that the slander as originally published was true in every particular, that the governor was actually hung in effigy amid wild scenes of disorder that would disgrace any civilized community, and that, afterwards, the citizens, feeling ashamed of their conduct, made haste to deny that any such affair ever occurred.

The Tallahassee correspondent believed this execrable lie and wrote it to the Courier-Informant; and that paper, strange to say, with every facility at hand for ascertaining the truth or falsity of the story, promptly published in a sensational style this villainous slander upon an entire community.

Why people should tell such monstrous falsehoods and why any respectable newspaper, having facilities for ascertaining the truth, should readily permit itself to be made the vehicle for their circulation, passes all human understanding.

There ought to be a law enacted protecting communities, as well as persons, from libels and slanders. There is a law imposing severe penalties upon any one circulating false reports about the existence anywhere of any contagious or epidemic disease; but those who violate this law are not near as villainous as those who circulate slanders injurious to the character of an entire community of people. A lie against the public health is by no means so venomous as one against the public character.

It is very tiresome to have to follow up and expose a slander whenever and wherever it appears. It is a very discouraging undertaking in view of the force of the old adage that a lie travels faster than the truth; and for this reason it seems that any reputable newspaper would take the time to investigate before publishing anything reflecting upon the character either of an individual or of a community.

Viewed, therefore, from the standpoint of respectable journalism, the act of the Courier-Informant in publishing this vile lie against the people of Punta Gorda is, to put it very mildly, highly reprehensible. Doubtless, however, the Courier Informant will redeem its good name by promptly repudiating the slander and denouncing its author.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SOCIAL.

The Christian Endeavor Society had a very delightful "dime social" at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Mizell, last Friday night. The house was crowded with ladies, gentlemen and children, and all enjoyed the entertainment to the fullest extent.

Refreshments, consisting of ice cream, cake, fruits and bon bons were served, and the guests were treated to charming music by those popular and skilled professionals, Miss Edith Stetson, pianist, and Harry Goldstein, violinist. A pretty and well rendered piano duet was given by the little Misses Isabel Oliver and Undine Jordan.

Besides these, there were many other entertaining features in the nature of pleasing games, voting and other contests, some of which were of a comical character and caused much merriment.

It had been intended to have a lawn fete in the moonlight in connection with the entertainment, but a shower of rain in the late afternoon made the grass too wet. But the entire occasion was so very pleasant that no one felt disappointed over the absence of this outside feature.

The financial proceeds, which amounted to \$30 net, were very satisfactory and proved that the affair was a success in this respect as well as in the matter of enjoyment for those who attended.

D. B. CURTIS—Tinsmith.

Shop opposite Bateman House, Punta Gorda, will do tin roofing, guttering, galvanizing and sheet iron work and general repairing of all kinds in this branch of business. All work guaranteed and done in workmanlike manner. Give me a trial and I will try to please you. Phone No. 43.

SPECIAL NOTICE!

D. E. T. Allen, the Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Surgeon, of Tampa, will make a consulting visit to Punta Gorda, Wednesday, Sept. 25. Any one having an affection of these organs or desiring to have glasses corrected, prescribed, will be glad to see you at the Hotel Danville.

INTERESTING LOCAL ITEMS.

(By a Volunteer Reporter.)

Mr. Wm. Crouch has fixed up his up-town cottage lot preparatory to setting out a fine strawberry garden.

Messrs. Smith & Dreggers and C. E. Midgett will soon open their oyster houses.

Capt. L. D. Gibbons, of the schooner "Diploca," while on his way to Key West last week, some eight or ten miles from Sautee light, rescued two men that were capsized in a small boat in a squall. The men were Mr. Samuel Jones and son, of Lemon Bay. They were on top of the boat, hanging on to the keel and stern, when rescued. A pretty narrow escape from drowning. The boat was righted up and Mr. Jones and son went on their way rejoicing at their escape from death, but they met with a severe loss in their baggage, which contained their clothes and \$125 in money.

Mrs. Early Weeks and sister, Mrs. Rigdon Weeks, of North Carolina, who lately married and came to Punta Gorda to live with their husbands last August, say they are well pleased with Punta Gorda and her people. Both say they are glad they married, for, if they had staid single, they would never have seen Punta Gorda.

Quite a cool shift of weather here on the 23rd inst., rain and heavy wind, but only lasted one day and night.

Big excursion from Tampa to Fort Myers last Monday, 26th inst. Yesterday was one of the number from Punta Gorda—among many others. The excursion was run on the occasion of a grand political rally, barbecue and fish fry. Hon. N. B. Broward, nominee for governor, and others, were the speakers.

Heard a good sermon last Sunday at the Presbyterian church, by the pastor, Rev. H. Broad.

Rev. R. L. Honiker, pastor of the Methodist church here, has gone to Atlanta for medical treatment.

Mrs. Dan Ward has gone into the guava and sweet potato business; has set out 48 guava trees and 1,700 sweet potato plants. Guess she expects to supply Punta Gorda and DeSoto county with these kinds of edibles.

Sneak thieves continue to travel around all the time, but they don't confine their thefts to gardens and chickens alone, but go in stores and steal what they can. Last week some one stole \$10 from the store of Jesse Patrick, so we learned.

Mr. Perry Patrick returned from Alabama last week, sick. He is now at Nocatee, so we hear.

Cotton in North Carolina, from our reports last week, is not doing so well. One man tells us he has some stalks on his farm 8 feet high with only four and five bolls to the stalk. That cotton won't make over four bales of 500 lbs. each to the acre. G. W. W.

REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE MEETING.

The Republican executive committee of DeSoto county met in this city last Saturday. There were present: Joshua Mizell, Punta Gorda, chairman; E. J. Browning, secretary, Bowling Green; F. B. Rainey, Wauchula; J. I. Roberts, Zolfo; Thaddeus Carlton, Pine Level; D. D. Whidden, Calvinia; Frank Alderman, Brownville; D. T. Carlton, Arcadia; E. B. Huckleby, Cleveland, members.

There was a general talk about political conditions in this county, but nothing of importance was done. Something was said about bringing out an independent candidate for county judge, but no definite action was taken. The committee did not endorse the present independent candidates for county commissioner from this district and for sheriff. No county Republican ticket will be put in the field.

The chairman was instructed to make all necessary arrangements for Hon. E. R. Gunby, candidate for Congressman, to speak here this (Thursday) afternoon. The meeting of the committee was a pleasant one for the members, but it partook more of a social than a business character.

MARRIED SUNDAY.

Mr. Willis Glancey and Miss Edith McGehee were married in this city at 7 p. m. last Sunday. The ceremony occurred at the home of the bride's parents and was impressively performed by Notary Public Locke Addison. Many friends were present to witness the ceremony and to congratulate the happy couple.

The groom recently came here from North Carolina and is engaged in the fishing business. The bride is well known to a large circle of friends, who wish her all the joys of a happy existence.

The couple have taken rooms above the store of the Punta Gorda Hardware Co., where they will remain until a more satisfactory home can be secured.

GOING TO ENGLAND.

Capt. and Mrs. Albert F. Dewey left Wednesday for a two-months visit to Liverpool and London in England. They go first to Charleston, S. C., to spend a day or two with relatives and friends, after which they go on to New York and sail from there Oct. 5th on the great trans-Atlantic liner "Baltic."

They will land at Liverpool and go from there to London. Capt. Dewey goes chiefly on business, but will devote reasonable time to recreation and sight-seeing.

Mrs. Dewey's mother, Mrs. Rogers, goes with her to Charleston to visit her brother, Mr. Owens, after which she will pay a visit to her sister, Mrs. Bliza, in Savannah. She will be away until Christmas.

Notice to the Public.

I have added Plumbing to my Tinning Department, and am now prepared to do all kinds of Plumbing work—to cut and thread pipes of any size and get out any kind of fittings wanted. I also keep in stock pipes of different sizes, bushings, water cocks, fittings and all other appliances for plumbing.—D. B. CURTIS, Tinsmith and Plumber, Swift's former building, near the depot.

ADDITIONAL LOCAL.

Mr. Steve Roberts, of Zolfo, was here on a business errand, Tuesday.

Pens and penstiffs at F. G. M. & S. S. Co.—35.

This is the last day of September and the weather is as bright and balmy as in May.

Second-hand bedstead for sale at half value at THE HERALD office.

A telegram from Miss Ellen Cooper to her father announced her safe arrival in Gainesville, Ga., Wednesday morning.

Get your garden seed from J. A. Newsome.—35.

Mrs. Annie Chasteen and Mrs. Clarence Bryant, of Bowling Green, spent several days here this week visiting Mrs. W. H. Underhill. They went home Wednesday.

Best calicoes only 5c yard at Earnest's.

Mrs. K. B. Harvey returned from St. Louis last week. She did not stay as long as she had intended because she found the weather in St. Louis entirely too warm for comfort. It is much pleasanter here.

Fresh fruits, all varieties in season, now stock, at the Bakery. It—

Capt. Chas. G. Davis will leave Sunday for Jacksonville to meet Mrs. Davis, who is returning from a protracted visit to Boston and other places in that region. She sails from New York today on the steamship "Sabine" and will doubtless reach home next Tuesday.

Cheapest pencils in town at P. G. M. & S. S. Co.—35.

The officers and members of the Christian Endeavor Society return sincere thanks to all who in any way contributed to the success of the entertainment of last Friday night. So many generously assisted that it is impracticable to thank each one individually, but all are gratefully remembered.

Call and see the beautiful drossers at \$10.00 apiece at H. C. Goldstein's.

Mr. Ed M. Earnest, of the Earnest Dry Goods Co., is expected home Sunday from New York and other big cities, where he has been for several weeks buying a huge stock of goods for the fall and winter. The goods have already begun arriving and are being opened up as rapidly as possible. Go and see them and get the "first pick."

Globo syrup, very fine, in quart cans, 15c each, at G. W. Gatewood's—32.

Some small boys about town, who are old enough to know better, are charged with pilfering fruit from various pineries and orange groves. Col. Trabue has suffered heavily from the depredations of these youngsters. Parents should inquire carefully into the conduct of their boys and punish them severely for any petty act of dishonesty of which they may be guilty. Those who while boys steal small things, will when men steal large things and eventually land in the penitentiary.

Come and see the elegant Bureaus that have been reduced from \$15.00 and \$18.00 to \$10.00 each. Newly married couples 25 per cent discount.—H. C. Goldstein.—31.

Those of our citizens who attended the political meetings at Fort Myers and Arcadia on Monday, say that large and enthusiastic crowds were present and were greatly pleased with the speech of Hon. N. B. Broward, candidate for governor. Excellent speeches were also made by Hon. H. P. Bailey, candidate for presidential elector, and Capt. R. E. Rose, candidate for State chemist. The only Democratic candidate who is "booked" to speak in Punta Gorda is Hon. S. M. Sparkman, but his date here has not been announced.

Ten acres rich gardening land, in western part of town, cleared, fenced and plowed, absolutely protected by the bay from frost, for rent on reasonable terms.—I. H. TRABUE.—35ff.

Mr. Fred Peters, a gentleman who once lived here for several years and ran a dry goods store on Marian avenue, moving away about five years ago, died in Boston, Mass., on Monday night. He was about 89 years old and leaves a wife and one child. At one time, he owned a good deal of valuable property in this county. He is still pleasantly remembered by those who knew him while here and they will be sincerely grieved by the news of his death. He was a gentleman of fine character and was highly respected by all who knew him.

When troubled with constipation, try Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. They are easy to take and produce no griping or other unpleasant effect. For sale by all druggists.

Mr. J. J. Hall, formerly a resident of Charlotte Harbor, now an enterprising and prosperous merchant of Mount Vernon, Ohio, writing to re-

new his subscription to THE HERALD remarks: "I take great interest in the progress of your city and vicinity. With the opening of the Panama canal, your harbor should become the greatest in the State of Florida. Wishing you success, I remain" etc. Yes, with the expenditure of a moderate sum by the government, this harbor can be made the equal of any in North America; and its absolute freedom from dangerous storms should commend it to the liberal consideration of Congress.

See those handsome fall suits just received at Blount's.

Other people may be richer, other stores larger, but none have better purer or more reliable drugs and medicines or treat customers more politely than W. A. Roberts.

For the first time in his many years experience as a coast fisherman, Capt. Jack McCann last week caught an electric fish and, on taking hold of it, received a shock that paralyzed his arm for a few moments.

He was greatly surprised, but, as soon as he recovered his usual equanimity, he took a long oar and raked the fish into a basket and brought it up here and submitted it to the expert inspection of Johnnie Jack, the skilled taxidermist, who readily identified it as an electric fish of a species that is not considered rare. But it was a rare experience for Capt. McCann. The fish was about eighteen inches long, very pretty, with bright, variegated spots on its back; a long, slender tail, and a mouth like that of a catfish.

I have bought out the entire stock of furniture of A. C. Freeman, which enables me to sell goods at factory prices, and I invite every one to call and inspect my stock and prices.—Harry C. Goldstein.—31.

Business Notices.

Read our ad. in today's HERALD.—J. R. Elliott.

Oil grain brogan shoes \$1.00 a pair, worth \$1.50, at Earnest's.

R & G Corsets, new styles, just received at Earnest's.

Closing out all calicoes at 8c, 4c and 5c at Earnest's.

Summer goods being closed out at half price at Earnest's.

New lot cheviot shirts and calicoes just received at Earnest's.

FOR BARGAINS come and see us, whether you buy or not.—J. R. Elliott.

Don't forget our special sales for Monday. It will pay you to call and inspect at Earnest's.

New lot ready made shirts—a nobby lot just received, very low prices at Earnest's.

New lot fancy brilliantine—the newest goods for suiting and skirts just arrived at Earnest's.

Fine fancy lawns at from 4 to 12 1/2c per yard, formerly sold at 7 to 85c. One of the greatest bargains ever offered at Earnest's.

If you can appreciate first-class goods at half price, now is your opportunity.—J. R. Elliott.

We need CASH, and for that reason many of our summer goods are being swapped off at half price. We are always glad to see you, whether you can be suited or not.—J. R. Elliott.

We are closing out our summer goods at practically a mere song. The numerous bargains offered today can only be appreciated by calling and inspecting the goods.—J. R. Elliott.

We have made a gigantic reduction in ladies', misses', men's and boys' low quarter shoes to secure room for fall goods, which are daily expected. Now is your chance for BARGAINS. This sale will last but a few days longer.—J. R. Elliott.

Notice to Creditors.

In the District Court of the United States for the Southern District of Florida.

In the matter of W. H. Brown, Trading as the Punta Gorda Trading Co., Bankrupt.

To the creditors of W. H. Brown, trading as the Punta Gorda Trading Co., of Punta Gorda, in the county of DeSoto and district aforesaid, a bankrupt:

Notice is hereby given that on the 30th day of June, A. D. 1906, the said W. H. Brown was duly adjudicated bankrupt, and that the first meeting of his creditors will be held at the court house, Arcadia, Fla., on the 7th day of October, A. D. 1906, at 11 o'clock a. m., at which time the said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the bankrupt and transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

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3 1/2 lbs Beans	25c	1 lb good coffee	15c
3 lbs Peas	25c	1 doz challenge milk	\$1.10

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