

LOCAL BREVITIES.

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

County school board will meet next Tuesday.

Choice cigars and tobacco at R. M. King's *

County commissioners meet Monday and Tuesday.

Several good horses for sale cheap. J. S. Goff.—3tf

Mr. W. W. Greene, of Wauchula, was here looking after business Monday.

See those elegant new style suits at R. C. Blount's.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Clay Chadwick, of this city, Thursday, June 18th, a son.

For bicycle fixtures and houses to rent, go to Strobbhar.—10 tf.

Fifty-six tickets were sold by the A. C. L. agent at this place for the excursion to Tampa last Friday.

Coal oil 5c. a quart, 15c. a gallon at R. M. King's.—tf.

Capt. A. Roe, of Arcadia, spent several days last week in this city as the guest of his son, C. A. Roe.

Suits for small boys, nobby styles at R. C. Blount's.—10

That expert piano tuner, Mr. Flippen Adams, of St. Augustine, spent several days last week in the city, looking up business.

Is it chills or fever? Plank's Chill Tonic is guaranteed to cure.—25-lyr.

Capt. C. A. Tolson and Mr. S. H. Morton expect to leave this afternoon for a two week's visit to their former homes in North Carolina.

Ice cream and cool drinks of all kinds at A. P. Hatch's.—13tf

Miss Lizzie Turner, a winsome young lady of Wauchula, has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. C. A. Roe, in this city, since last Thursday.

FOR SALE CHEAP—A good, large steel range stove.—F. S. Strobbhar.

Pineapples are now being shipped from here in large quantities. The crop is an unusually large one and shipments will continue to go forward for many weeks.

Get your spring and summer underwear at R. C. Blount's.

Hon. John C. Luning, an old and valued Lake county friend of the editor of this paper, now of Tallahassee, paid his editorial friend a highly appreciated visit Tuesday.

Big line of fresh, pure penny candles at J. S. Goff's grocery.—44.

H. T. Welsh, the popular route agent of the Southern Express Company for this district, was here last Friday looking after matters pertaining to the business of his company.

Latest styles in fall and winter clothing at R. C. Blount's.

Little Miss Thelma White spent last week with her father on Useppa island, where she had a most delightful time in spite of the mosquitoes, which are now besieging the island.

Harness, wagons and buggies for sale at J. S. Goff's livery stable.—8

Mrs. J. C. Boykin, of Starkeville, Miss., who will be remembered as having spent last winter in our city with the family of B. C. Washington, had the misfortune recently of losing her home by fire.

Nice line of boys' knee pants suits just received at R. C. Blount's.—10

Mr. Nick Strasser has rented from Mr. R. M. King, the rooms in the second story of the Commercial House and will conduct lodging quarters therein. He will rent the rooms out by the night or week.

Fresh lot of pure candies just received by A. P. Hatch.—13tf

Giulio Boromei, the well known Italian who has been employed in the Savarese fish house here for the past two years, left for his old home in Venice, Italy, Monday afternoon. He will spend a year there and then return to America.

Purest, finest candies—big lot received yesterday by R. M. King.

Miss Nannie Washington, daughter of Mrs. B. C. Washington, of this city, was married in Wilmington, N. C., on Sunday, June 21st, to a young man by the name of William Harnes. The many friends here of the bride will rejoice in her happiness. It is probable that the young couple will spend next winter in Punta Gorda.

Tomorrow will be the tenth anniversary of the destruction of Cevera's fleet in Santiago harbor.

For the latest styles in spring and summer clothing, go to R. C. Blount.

Miss Jessie Bassett returned Monday from a visit of several days to Mrs. A. C. Freeman in Arcadia.

Buggies, wagons and harness for sale at Goff's City Livery stable.—14tf

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Fisher, after six weeks spent with Mr. and Mrs. James Robbins in Solana, will leave this afternoon for their home in Salem, Ohio.

Country cured hams, finest in the market, absolutely guaranteed, at Goff's grocery.—1t.

Jim Banks, with his wife, and Mr. Gallagher and family are now, together, occupying George McLane's cottage on Cross street near the Episcopal church.

For fresh vegetables, fruits and candles, go to R. M. King at the Commercial House. *

William Hyers celebrated his ninth birthday, Tuesday afternoon, by entertaining a number of his young friends with a party which was greatly enjoyed by all present.

City livery stable—safe and reliable as well as stylish saddle and buggy horses.—J. S. Goff, propr.—6

Two car loads of lumber was received here last Saturday for the firms of Chadwick Brothers and Taylor-Marine Fish Co., respectively, and will be used in constructing house-boats, skiffs and other equipments for the coming fishing season.

The Charlotte Harbor hotel, J. W. Bennett, proprietor, is open the year round. Board and lodging \$4.50 per week.—16tf.

Miss Mabel Seavey's friends here will be interested to know that she is now in Hazelton, Pa., spending a month with Miss Ella R. Haines, who will be remembered as having spent some time here two years ago as milliner for the Punta Gorda Dry Goods Co. Miss Seavey will go from Hazelton direct to her old home in Hallowell, Maine, to spend the remaining part of the summer.

Genuine, pure olive oil made by the Los Angeles Olive Growers Association now on sale by Watkins Drug Co.—23tf.

Kinsey Brothers have discontinued operating their boats between Fort Myers and this place until the fall vegetable crop on the lower islands is ready for shipment, when the line will probably be re-established. The mail, which, previous to the 1st inst., was carried by this line, is now going by way of Fort Myers, from which place it is carried by naphtha launch to the island post offices.

A large supply of pure California olive oil now on hand at reasonable prices and in quantities to suit at the Watkins Drug Co.—24.

Another industry that may assume great proportions in Punta Gorda in the near future is the raising of chickens. During last winter many chickens were shipped from here to the hotels on the East Coast, to say nothing of large quantities of eggs that were also shipped away. Only recently some fine fryers were sent to consumers elsewhere in the State. The new crop of chickens promises to be a large one, and people will not lack for this article of diet during the coming months.

Nicely furnished and well kept rooms in the second story of the Commercial House for rent to lodgers by the night or week. 25c per night or \$1.00 per week. NICK STRASSER, lessee.—27tf.

The fishing fleet which will ply the waters of Charlotte Harbor during the coming season, will be considerably larger than the one of last season. There will be an addition of at least fifty small boats as well as a number of the larger ones. The smaller boats are to be used by gill-net crews, which means a large increase in the number of men to be employed. All this, together with the fact that local dealers anticipate a greater demand for fish than usual, indicates better business conditions for the fall and spring months. It is yet a little over six weeks till the fall fishing season opens, and all our dealers will be kept pretty busy during that time in getting ready for it.

Lost.—On day of Col. Pepper's funeral, a large black, hand-painted fan, with ribbon attached. Mrs. Rankin would be very grateful if the person who has found same would return it to Miss Pepper.—27.

Against Mail Order Houses.

Out in Texas there is a sturdy little evangelist respected and beloved all over the State, whose name is Abe Mulkey. He is full of sure-enough religion and horse sense, and the people listen to him with the faith and confidence born of long experience and full knowledge of the man. Abe talks of other things besides religion. He hits an evil of any kind wherever he sees it, and a Texas exchange just received, shows him in the following characteristic attack on the "mail order" business:

"The mail-order house is the quack doctor of commerce. It promises much and guarantees nothing. Like some patent medicines, the directions are on the inside and you have to buy a non-returnable package before you can find out what they are. No mail order house ever helped to build the little white school house in your district, or turnpike the road past your door. No mail order house ever took you by the hand when you were in distress and told you let that little account go until after harvest next year. No mail order house ever rejoiced with you and your neighbors when you were glad, and spoke encouraging words to you in affliction, nor stood with uncovered heads beside the grave when your loved ones died. No mail order house ever sold you an article and then spent every cent of its profit in the community where you and your neighbors could get it back again. Stand by your local dealer as he stands by you, with his time, his money. He helps build up your community and he makes it a better place for both to live in. His success depends on your prosperity. He swears by the goods branded with the trademark of the most skilled manufacturers on earth, which are none too good for that major-general of industry, the gentleman farmer."

WANTED, to buy an Orange Grove and Truck Farm combined, on time—all fruits and produce made on the place to be applied in paying for the place till paid for in full. I am an honest, hard working white man.—Address, E. Lee, R. F. D. No. 2, Box 55, Tampa, Fla.—23-4t.

Neptune Newsome, of Fort Meade, is temporarily assisting Mr. H. W. Smith in the bakery.

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