

# The Punta Gorda Herald

Punta Gorda, Fla., Mar. 6, 1913

## NEIGHBORING TOWNS

### Charlotte Harbor

Charlotte Harbor, Fla., March 3—Weather extremely pleasant.

We regret to say that Mr. McFarlane, the railroad surveyor took sick while on the survey from Charlotte Harbor to Venice last week and had to temporarily suspend work and return home. We are expecting his successor at any time to take up and complete the work. We hope, however, that Mr. McFarlane's health will be regained speedily.

Mrs. Gordon Carpenter returned to Tampa last week after a short visit with relatives in Charlotte Harbor.

A party of three, consisting of W. J. Bowling of St. Louis, J. Lee King and Jim Whidden of Charlotte Harbor, took a run up the Myakka river last week, bagging four fine turkeys.

Mrs. T. S. Knight, jr., of Murdock, is in town, doing some shopping. Mrs. Knight is one of our regular customers and we are always glad to have her visit our town.—OLD TIMER.

### Bermont

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Mr. and Mrs. Ira Smith made a business trip to Arcadia the first of the week.

Miss Frances Warren of Punta Gorda, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Stephen Kirton of this place.

Frank Marvin has been quite sick for the past few days, but is somewhat better now.

W. H. Northrup went to Arcadia today on business.

M. B. Mizzelle is building cattle pens at Mr. Hagan's for the King Bros.

Miss Nellie Gatewood was visiting friends in Arcadia and Punta Gorda last week.

Mrs. George Coon and daughter Miss Gladys, left the first of the week for Lakeland and Bartow, where they will visit friends and relatives.

Bermont Debating Society failed to meet last Saturday night on account of the rains.

Mrs. Edmonds, accompanied by Miss Nell Whiteaker, visited friends and relatives in Punta Gorda last week.

Mrs. Burke and daughter, Julia made a trip to Arcadia last week, combining business and pleasure.

Punta Gorda visitors this week are Messrs. Geo. Gatewood, J. W. Hagan, E. D. Plowden, W. H. Horn and Joe Gatewood.

Mrs. Whiteaker of Punta Gorda is visiting her daughter, Miss Nellie, who is engaged in teaching school here.

The surprise party given at Mr. and Mrs. Griffith's last week was quite a success. Every one reports a most enjoyable evening.

Mrs. Nichols of Punta Gorda, is stopping with Miss Alexander for a few days.

Leslie Dishong, Miss Ella Toth

and Mrs. Illwinning, were in Bermont Thursday. They were here to bring Mr. Toth the news of his daughter's illness in Arcadia.

There was quite a good crowd attended the Tacky Party at Mr. Gatewood's Wednesday night, A. J. Gusman and Mrs. John Shenefield were awarded first prize for being the tackiest adult couple and George Willis and Frances Blazer received the children's prize. All report a pleasant evening.

E. D. Plowden has gone to Punta Gorda to purchase a horse to help his faithful mule carry the mail.

Several of our neighbors are ditching their farms preparing for rainy season.

George Littlejohn and family went on a fishing trip and returned home with a nice lot of fish.

Bermont is breaking the record on sugar cane. The cane raised here by W. H. Harn, without any extra care and without fertilizer; 305 stalks yielded 80 gallons of juice and after boiled to syrup made 17 gallons and one pint. Mr. Harn states that he did not pick the cane. Who can beat that in sugar cane? The people in Bermont would like to hear from you.

### Where the Orange Came From

While the luscious orange is being enjoyed all over the world, very little attention has been paid as to where it originated, and there are but very few persons who know anything about the ancient history of the fruit. It will be interesting to all to know that China is the home of the orange, and that it has been known there as far back as history extends, but attempts to cultivate and improve it extensively is a comparatively recent innovation, so to speak. The following, which appeared recently in the Cuba Review on this subject, will be of much interest.

"China is the original home of the orange. From Hindustan the orange was carried to southwestern Asia by the Arabs, before the ninth century, when it was first planted in Oman. Afterwards it was carried to Mesopotamia and Syria. Later it was spread to the Mohammedans, and to all countries they conquered. These remarks apply to the bitter orange, which was raised from the seed. The sweet orange, also grown from seed, was cultivated in Italy early in the sixteenth century.

"The two varieties invariably came from true seed, so no attempt was made to improve them until recently; in fact, more has been done in this line within the memory of the present generation than in all the preceding centuries of which we have record. Only a few years ago an American woman traveling on the east coast of Brazil, found a seedless orange of very fine appearance and flavor, which she reported on her return home; a few scions were secured, and today California owes her prosperity to the Washington navel orange as it was named, and millions of these trees are now found wherever oranges grow. This was the greatest step made in improving the orange culture. Today we have scores of good varieties furnishing fruit practically all the year.

"The orange is a great blessing to humanity; it furnishes pure water, deliciously flavored and sweetened, carrying also a vegetable acid which has many medicinal virtues—curing scurvy, cooling fever, relieving the pain of rheumatism, aiding digestion, thereby alleviating dyspepsia, increasing the appetite, assuaging insomnia; and acting as a decided laxative."

### Florida as An Agricultural State

Florida will some day be one of the great agricultural and stock-raising States. That it has not developed along these lines to a greater extent has been the ease of the small farmer to make a living on five to ten acres of fruit or vegetables. Also, the gambling instinct has been engendered among our farmers. They would prefer to take a chance on tomatoes or celery or other vegetables netting them from \$500 to a \$1,000 an acre than to engage in general farming on a safe basis of \$30 to \$65 an acre profit on 160 acres.

Notwithstanding this the Thirteenth Census Agricultural Report shows that Florida raises more corn than Maine, Rhode Island, Delaware, North Dakota, Montana, Wyoming, Arizona, Utah, Nevada, Idaho, Washington and Oregon.

Fourteen boys, on fourteen separate acres in nine different counties of Florida raised a total of 911.98 bushels of corn, or an average of 65.13 bushels per acre. The average cost per bushel to these boys was 30.2 cents per bushel, making each boy's 65.13-bushel-crop cost him \$19.52. At 90 cents per bushel, which is a low market price for such corn, each boy's crop brought him in \$58.55, from which, when he had deducted the cost of production, there was left as net profit \$49.03 on an acre in corn.

Florida raises more oats than New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Delaware, Arizona and Nevada.

Florida raises more potatoes than Rhode Island, Delaware, South Carolina, Georgia, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Wyoming, New Mexico and Arizona.—Tampa Truism.

### Can be Grown in Florida

Discovering that low, wet lands, virtually impossible of cultivation, can be used for the growing of basket willow, the United States department of agriculture has announced that it would be ready to fill applications from "farmers and others" for basket willow cuttings grown on its experimental farm at Arlington, Va.

### Embarrassing.

Rich Fiancee—Oh, this bouquet is too costly. You must take it back to the Heutenant. Valet—Oh, that's all right, miss. Since my master is engaged to you he has been able to get things on credit.—Fliegende Blätter.

## Women!

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### Church Announcements

Services in the Episcopal Church next Sunday commencing at 10.30 a. m. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m.

Baptist Church—Preaching every Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m., Sunday school 10 a. m., prayer meeting each Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock, W. M. U. Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock.—T. R. WOODSON, Pastor.

Presbyterian Church—Public worship every Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m., Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Christian Endeavor society meets every Sunday evening at 6 o'clock. Prayer meeting Wednesdays at 7 p. m. Strangers cordially welcomed to all services. J. H. ALBERT, Pastor.

Methodist Church—Preaching first, second and third Sundays each month 11 a. m. and 7:00 p. m. Sunday school 10 a. m. every Sabbath. Epworth League 7:00 p. m. every Sunday, Mid-week prayer service 7:00 p. m. every Wednesday. Woman's missionary society 3 p. m. Monday after each first Sunday. Ladies' Bible study class 4 p. m. every Monday. Public invited and strangers welcomed.—W. A. WIER.

### The Cause of Rheumatism

Stomach trouble, lazy liver and deranged kidneys are the cause of rheumatism. Get your stomach, liver, kidneys and bowels in healthy condition by taking Electric Bitters, and you will not be troubled with the pains of rheumatism. Charles B. Allen, a school principal, of Sylvania Ga., who suffered indescribable torture from rheumatism, liver and stomach trouble and diseased kidneys, writes: "All remedies failed until I used Electric Bitters, but four bottles of this wonderful remedy cured me completely." Maybe your rheumatic pains come from stomach, liver and kidney troubles. Electric Bitters will give you prompt relief. 50c and \$1.00. Recommended by all druggists.

### Notice

Hereafter a rate of 25 cents per month will be charged for each spigot used in connection with the water works. The rates for electric lights will be as follows: 60-Watt lights, 50 cents per month; 100-Watt lights 75 cents per month. By order of the City Council. R. K. SEWARD, Clerk

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