

INTERESTING HAPPENINGS

Events Transpiring in and About Punta Gorda--Personal Mention

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The high school will re-open Monday.

The days are slowly getting longer, thank goodness.

Born Tuesday, Dec. 21st., to Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Fansler, a son.

Robt. Wilkins of Fort Myers, spent several days here this week.

County commissioners held a special meeting in Arcadia yesterday.

Don't forget the new Romance of Elaine in Dixie Theatre tomorrow night. (adv.)

Junior Civic League meets Monday afternoon in the City Hall.

Mrs. Cora E. Miles left yesterday for Bradenton, where she will spend the season.

Clothing, shoes and hats—latest styles—for men at R. C. Blount's (adv.)

Mesdames Trabue and Fisher visited Arcadia during the first half of this week.

Church of the Good Shepherd (Episcopal) — Lay services Sunday evening at 7:00 o'clock.

Go to the school house, Saturday, and vote for compulsory school attendance.

Ice cream freezers at cost. J. F. CORBETT, at residence, Olympia and Sullivan St.

Mrs. R. T. Fine and daughter spent Tuesday and yesterday with friends in Lakeland.

Mrs. Fielding went to Fort Ogden yesterday, presumably to aid in a Pentecostal meeting there.

Charles Johnson of Boca Grande, is spending today and tomorrow with his relatives and many friends here.

A full line of staple and fancy groceries, fresh and reliable, at A. P. Hatch's. (adv.)

W. L. Koon and wife went up to Fort Meade, Saturday, to visit relatives and friends for a few days.

C. M. Carrier left yesterday morning for Jacksonville. From there, he may go to New York. His absence may last a fortnight.

Mrs. F. M. Cooper lost an Eastern Star pin week before Christmas and will appreciate return by finder. (adv.) It.

On display, call and see genuine Oriental rugs from \$35.00 to \$150.00 at H. C. Goldstein. (adv.)

Amongst the very best New Year's resolutions that a man can make is one to pay his debts just as immediately as possible.

The regular weekly meeting of the Music and Expression club has been deferred until Friday of next week.

Fresh vegetables of all kinds received daily by R. M. King. (adv.)

Dr. Archer Smith returned yesterday from Madison, Fla., where he enjoyed Christmas with his parents and friends.

M. Dikes, manager of the Bell Cafe, is proud of the many compliments he has received about the fine dinner he served on Christmas day.

Miss Julia Pearl Blount of Fort Myers, is spending the week here with her cousin, Miss Elise Blount, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank R. Blount.

Hard oil, carriage paints, valspar varnish, inside spar varnish, brushes, gold enamel, banana oil, silver polish, bicycle tires at less than cost.—J. F. CORBETT, at residence, Olympia and Sullivan St. (adv.)



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The Masons and the ladies of the Eastern Star will install their officers elect tonight. After the installation, a chicken supper will be served.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Saxon of Brownville, enjoyed Christmas day and Sunday here with the latter's parents, Prof. and Mrs. Whiteaker.

The cantata in the Presbyterian church, Sunday night, was most beautifully rendered, to the delight of a large audience. Our reporter greatly regrets that he neglected to attend and, consequently, cannot give a deserving report.

G. W. Bair and wife, who, for about two years past, have been living next door to The Herald on Taylor street, are moving to Jacksonville today. Since coming here, they have made many friends, who sincerely regret their departure, but wish them a prosperous and very happy new year.

If The Herald had written up all the Christmas entertainments, observances and functions given in Punta Gorda and Charlotte Harbor with the same amount of detail as used by one esteemed reporter, there could have been nothing else in the paper today. For a little weekly like this, matters should be "boilded down."

Good Roads Meeting.

A special invitation to residents of Punta Gorda, as they will be interested in the project: There will be a good roads meeting held on January 9th, at Charlotte Harbor, at E. O. Coram's hall at 7 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of discussing the good road and bridge project to be voted on January 11th.

We do earnestly request everyone interested in this project to be present.—COMM. TEEMEN.

Important Transaction

Editor Herald:—Kindly insert the following news item, and notice in your paper:

A sale of the controlling stock in the Charlotte Harbor Fish & Oyster Company has been made to Robt. R. McCreary & Sons of Key West, and Mr. McCreary made general manager of the company.

Operation and developments of this company will commence on January 20 at Gasparilla. The company will ship fish, fresh, salted and cured, and will install a cannery and can both fish and oysters.

The company will operate twelve months of the year and the best prices possible will be paid for any and all kinds of fish.

Mr. McCreary is a man that has had broad experience in the fish and oyster business, and for a number of years has been managing the business of The South Atlantic Fish Co. at Key West.

The C. H. & N. Ry. Company officials agree to arrange everything as convenient for Mr. McCreary as possible, and deliver his fish to the markets in as short a time as any road in South Florida.—CROWDOIN, Charlotte Harbor, Dec. 24, '15.

Inconsistency of Candidates

Friends of Senator N. P. Bryan are urging his re-election, one of the grounds being that, as every senator has had two terms, Senator Bryan should have two. They forget that in the campaign of 1904, Senator Talliaferro ran for his second term against Hon. J. N. C. Stockton. Mr. Bryan undoubtedly voted for Mr. Stockton. In the senatorial campaign two years ago, in which Senator Fletcher was running for re-election against Hon. J. N. C. Stockton, Senator Bryan will not state that he voted for a second term in favor of Senator Fletcher. Mr. Bryan could not have done so, because, in the campaign of Senator Bryan, Mr. Stockton and Mr. Blount in 1910, Mr. Stockton lost out in the first primary, and in the second primary, practically elected Mr. Bryan by issuing a circular letter, advising his friends to vote for Mr. Bryan. It seems that Mr. Bryan favors a second term for senators only when it is applicable to himself.

Senator Bryan is the only senator who has ever tried to give up the position of a senator to become a judge of the United States Court, a position for life, affording better pay. Any presumed benefits to the state through length of service in a senator, Mr. Bryan was willing to surrender for the assured benefits to himself in a life-time position.

Recently Marion county became DRY. In a recent election, Dade county refused to return to the WET column. In the last two or three days, and within two or three weeks after the results of these two elections were known, Governor Trammell comes out for national prohibition. (Foxy Trammell.)

For many weeks, the following has been one of the planks in ex-Governor Gilchrist's platform: "As senator, he would be the representative of the people of Florida. If, during his incumbency, the people declare for prohibition or woman's suffrage, he will support their views." Regardless of personal feelings or wishes, a senator should support the expressed wishes of the people he represents. During the senatorial term of the next senator, a state-wide prohibition election will undoubtedly be held in Florida. It should be the duty of the senator-elect to represent the people of the state in accordance with the result of such vote.

The constitution of Florida prevents a governor from running for re-election. The object of that is to prevent him from playing politics and to make him attend to the business of the State. It is therefore, against the spirit of the constitution for a governor to be a candidate for United States Senator. Every governor who has tried it has failed. Among various others, Governor Broward tried it while governor, and was defeated. After he became an ex-governor, he tried it and was elected, thus being the only ex-governor who has ever been successful as a candidate for the United States senate.—VOTER.

Punta Gorda's Christmas

The morning was bright and warm, the evening cloudy, with a slight drizzle of rain. It was a very quiet, but a very pleasant Christmas. Everyone, both young and old, seemed to enjoy it. There was a notable absence of noise—no fire works, no drunkenness. If any one got drunk, he did himself, and no one saw him. The post office, the two banks and most of the stores were closed during the day. Many citizens loitered and chatted along the streets. Some went auto riding, some went fishing, some staid at home, and all gave themselves up to a quiet and decent enjoyment of the day. In practically every home, there was a feast.

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The evening before—that is, on Christmas eve, there were beautiful Christmas trees in the Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian churches. They were resplendent with gifts and decorations. Each church was crowded with people, the elderly ones having come to enjoy the happiness of the children and their beautiful exercises. These exercises consisted of addresses, prayers, recitations, solos and choruses, all breathing of the spirit of Christmas. It would take a whole page of this paper to do full justice to these observances and the participants therein. All who attended them were benefited in spirit and in mind; they were conscious partakers in the brightness and happiness that prevailed, and they went away

feeling soothed in heart, cheered, buoyant. All were filled with the true Christmas spirit, and in this respect these observances were a blessing to the old as well as the young.

Christmas morning, Dr. Blanchet delivered an appropriate sermon in the Episcopal church. The musical service corresponded in appropriateness. There were no services in the other churches.

Punta Gorda's Christmas was indeed ideal.

Considerable rain fell here yesterday. This morning was foggy. The weather bureau predicts fair weather this evening and a cold wave tomorrow.

Happy New Year to all Herald readers!

Bermont

Bermont, Dec. 27—Xmas passed off very quietly, but every body seemed to enjoy the occasion.

The Xmas tree at the school house Friday night, was quite a success. The program consisted of music, recitations and songs. The little folks deserve lots of credit for the way they performed their part.

Mrs. Ada Griffith and children of Ft. Ogden, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Gatewood during the holidays.

Joe Washington and Ben Boykin of Shell Creek, attended the Xmas exercises at the school house, Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Reiler and children of Arcadia, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Keuster, Sunday.

Mrs. J. W. Shenefield has been real sick for several days but is much improved at this writing.

Dr. D. N. McQueen of Punta Gorda, was in Bermont Friday, on professional business.

There was quite a surprise to the people of Bermont, Thursday night, when Paul H. Gross and Miss Mable Baxley were quietly married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Baxley, Rev. G. W. Gatewood officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon were

guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. Marvin, during the holiday.

John Harn, jr., and family of Arcadia, and Will Harn and family, spent Xmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Harn.

Miss Gladys Coon is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. E. Coon.

Mrs. Kitty Byars was the happiest woman in Bermont this Xmas, her husband having arrived home after an absence of several months.

Jim Hollingsworth and M. B. Mizell are spending a while in Bermont.

The work on the new bridge at Myrtle creek will soon be completed and ready for travel.

Sidney Viers and friends of St. Cloud, are visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Burke.

Geo. W. McLane is visiting in Punta Gorda this week.

James Turner is reported on the sick list this week.

We wish the editor and his staff and all readers of The Herald a happy and prosperous New Year.—CITIZEN.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Lanier and baby of Avon Park, spent the holidays here with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Brown.

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