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The boy that believes that his father knows more than he does, is likely to make a useful man.

We should be as fair with the other fellow as we expect him to be with us—or as he should be with us.

If the human family was as good as the sample they submit to the preacher at the Sunday services, they would be all right—some of them are, but a great many of the Sunday samples fade during the week.

Mr. W. H. Hooker, Mr. C. G. Chollar, and Col. John W. Burton, have returned from their visit to a number of the voting precincts of the county and after making a thorough canvass they have been convinced that the division people are losing strength every day, and one of the strongest arguments on the subject is, that a large majority and nearly all the people in Bowling Green precinct in the extreme north portion of the county are against division.

Arcadia, like other towns, has had boys. There are several boys loafing around the streets here, who take pride in "jumping on" smaller boys and beating them, because they are not able to fight their own battles. Now, parents, if you have a boy of this stamp, don't make it publicly known by coming around and waiting on the editor, but wait on that bad boy, and check him before he gets older and has to be checked by the law.

Among the exchanges we have before us, Vol. one, number one, of the Tropical Breeze—a newspaper published at Fort Myers—W. E. Griffiths is the editor, and John W. Griffiths business manager. The paper is a weekly and is well filled with news. The two brothers are young and energetic, and this coupled with their practical experience in the newspaper business from their childhood up to the present Fort Myers and Lee county can be assured that they will have a good paper. One that will stand for the right and work for the advancement of their community.

We want to say a good word for the man who meets his small obligations promptly. They are not as plentiful as they should be and the man needs encouraging. Most men will pay but fewer will pay promptly. Almost any firm will testify that, counting the time, postage, looking, and like it costs all some accounts are worth to collect them, and still the man owing it to them is perfectly responsible in a financial way. It very often happens that the worst sinner in this particular is the man best able to pay.

No town will become a good business center so long as its business men rely on a few merchants to make the effort to bring trade to town. Too often the men in a line of trade are about the only ones that reach out after business. Other merchants wait until those men induce the people to come to town and content themselves with trade that naturally falls to their lot. A public spirit, a desire to attract people to some good town, or to help the entire business community, and no town will be successful unless all lines are working to extend the trade as far as possible and trying to bring a larger territory in the circles in which the town is the business center.

The weekly county paper has as definite an excuse for being in the world as can be furnished by the city dailies. Such a publication is not only a business guide, but is a pulpit of morals; it is a kind of a public rostrum where the affairs of the state are considered; it is a supervisor of streets and roads; it is a social friend, a promoter of friendship and goodwill. Edited by a hard and just man, such a publication so treats the different sects that they realize their brotherhood and become in reality, what they are pictured in print. The town weekly dare not be Presbyterian, or Methodist, or Baptist, but it must select the valuable in each church, and

thus it becomes the harmonizer of discord. It binds those whom theology would often separate. Even the so-called small matters of a village or incorporate town are small only to those whose hearts are too full of personal interest. It is very important if some school boy reads a good essay, or speaks well a piece, or sings well a song, or stands high in the class room, that kind of mention should be made publicly of such success, for more young minds are injured by the want of cheering words than are made vain by an excess of such praise.

Why not commence now to make arrangements for a grand celebration in our town on the approaching Fourth of July? Why wait until the last day in the afternoon and then spend a small fortune in telegraphing for an orator, and then be compelled to take just such as we can get? Let's commence at once while we can have our choice of orators and plenty of time to make all necessary arrangements for a grand celebration. Who will set the ball rolling? Our business men are all enjoying a fine trade, and the prospects for our city were never so bright as now. Then why not enthrone and have one of the grandest celebrations ever held in the state?

One poison germ will produce untold misery and desolation; one wrong step will uproot the happiness and prosperity of a nation. This applies to the division of DeSoto County as well as to other things.

The eggs of a few insects will uproot the promising prospects of thousands of farms; if a few political agitators in this county can fool you into voting for their scheme to divide the county, they will put you to where you will be saving money the year round with which to pay your taxes.

Did the division of Manatee County reduce your taxes? No, Mr. Jordan and all the division people admit that it caused them to increase, and now they are asking you to vote for another increase. Will you do it? If you favor such increases in taxes; i. e. if you think you are not paying enough taxes, then vote for division and increase them.

Do you remember how the land deeds of DeSoto county were tangled by the division of Manatee County? If you do you will be slow to vote for the division of DeSoto County, which would tangle them again.

The people of this county have worked a long time in building it up to what it is, and they should be proud of what they have accomplished, for it has the best name of any county in the State of Florida. And now Mr. Jordan asks you to vote for him that he might go to the legislature and in short order tear down what you have built up.

Mr. Jordan has done little toward the upbuilding of DeSoto County, but he is willing to do a great deal toward tearing it down.

A few agitators produced the Civil war in this country which resulted in the death of over six hundred thousand good men. These agitators caused the war, but when the crash came and the war was on in good shape these agitators stepped aside and the common people were the ones who suffered, bled and died. After the division of DeSoto County you would hear little of the fellows who are working hardest for division, for after the division the trouble and expenses arise and these fellows will step aside and you will see and hear little from them.

The state of New York is one of the largest in the union, and is the most densely populated, and in that State there is no State taxes assessed against property. This is the result of a large territory and large population.

The largest counties in Florida are those that are in the best condition. Investigate and see for yourself.

The taxpayers of DeSoto County know nothing of small counties. Mr. Jordan does and he left them but if the taxpayers of this county will visit the small counties of the State they will then see what division is good for.

If cats could fly there would be no sparrows, and if a few men in this county could make you vote exactly as they want you to, or could vote for you, then there would be no doubt about the division of DeSoto County, for she would be split.

Many of the best posted people as to the result of the race between Hooker and Jordan, place Hooker majority at from 190 to 240 votes, and some bets have been made at three to one in favor of Hooker.

The people who let well enough alone are those that are always happiest and most prosperous.

Vote for the division of DeSoto County and you will vote to build up a political ring at Wapchula, Arcadia and Punta Gorda, that will absolutely control the politics of each county. As the county now stands no section of the county controls its politics.

The division of DeSoto County means the creation of two wet counties according to the decision of Judge Wall and Judge Cochran.

There is now a growing tendency on the part of the people of the county to turn away from the proposition to divide it.

The division people are losing voters every day, wait until the primary on the 12th of June, and you will see. The people are beginning to see through the scheme to divide. They are beginning to understand that division would be an expensive game to play.

Our doctors say they have to combine all the desiderata of every feruginous tonic prescribed by every school of medicine as an antidote for green corn and cucumbers.

There are many striking examples of the value of good roads. Wherever roads have been permanently improved it is found that there has been a very great increase in value of the adjacent property.

The high moral standing of this community is due to the fact that it has been permeated by Christian influence and education, such as have radiated from the various church organizations of our town.

The most disgraceful sight one ever sees in this town is a number of young boys, not yet in their teens, with cigarettes in their mouths. A boy behind a cigarette is a fit subject for the reform school.

The thought that "no one cares and no one knows" blights many a bud of promise. Be it the young artist at the easel, the workman at his bench, the boy at his mathematical problems or your little girl at the piano, give what praise you can.

Report all items of interest to this office. They will be appreciated and each item will help to make the paper that much more interesting. We can not get all the news, but by your help we can get the lion's share and that is what we wish to do. We want all the news that's news.

If, perchance, a copy of this paper should fall into the hands of any who are in search of a new location—a place where church, school and social advantages are given emphasis, and where you can live out your allotted number of years without fear of pestilence or famine, we say, like one of old "Come thou with us and we will do thee good," without emphasis on the "do."

Read the announcements of your merchants in this issue. Many a dollar has been saved by a careful perusal of a merchant's ad. When a business man advertises for your patronage he not only has a line of goods that "speaks" but there may be some article or articles listed that you desire and that it may be advantageous to buy at this time.

Few business men have more to contend with than an editor. The only means the editor has of making a living for himself and family is by selling space in the columns of his paper. His newspaper columns are the same to him as the shelves of dry goods are to the merchant. No one thinks of asking the merchant to give him the dry goods from his shelves, but few they are who hesitate to ask the editor to give them a few columns free in his paper.

THE LADIES' FRIDAY MUSICALS.

The Ladies' Friday Musicals held their regular weekly meeting with Mrs. A. E. Bennett. A large number were present. After short business session, the following program was rendered:

- Duet—"Light of Heart." Ferrati, Mesdames R. E. Brown and E. D. Treadwell.
"Modulation"—Morrison. Mrs. R. E. Whidden.
"Scarf Dance"—Chaminade. Mrs. C. C. Chollar (substitute).
"Drifting Leaves"—Mrs. R. E. Brown.
Song—"The Daily Question." Meyer Helmond. Mrs. J. N. Hollingsworth.
"Autumn"—Mrs. Mitchell.
"After the Banquet"—Warren. Mrs. W. H. Seward.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

Notice is hereby given that six months after date I will file with the county judge of DeSoto county, Florida, at his office in Arcadia, my accounts and vouchers for my final settlement and discharge as executrix of the estate of Clark D. Knapp, deceased. This 1st day of June, 1906. Eleanor A. Knapp, Executrix.

REFUSES TO CARRY "BOOZE."

The Southern Express Company has issued an order to their employees that is sweeping in character, and will drive all the liquor trade of "dry" towns to points outside the state.

The order is in effect that the company will not deliver liquor shipments in prohibition towns, where said shipments have originated within the same state to which they are consigned.

This means that Daytona people, who with a few bottles, or gallons of liquor (for medical purposes, of course) must order from some point outside the state of Florida.—Daytona Gazette News.

The people of this county would hail with delight an order of this kind, properly enforced; on the Charlotte Harbor division of the A. C. L. Ry. It would stop the daily importations of "boozie" into the towns along this line, from Fort Myers and Tampa.

MISS FOLKS SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

First Commencement Recital. Friday evening, May 25th, the students of Miss Foulks' Music Class, under the direction of Miss Foulks, delightfully entertained, at the Opera house, the music lovers of Arcadia. The following numbers were on the program:

- PART I.
1. Piano Duet, "Forward March"—H. Berens, Op. 23. Misses Kate Carlton and Lillian Youmans.
2. Piano Solos, (a) "Home Sweet Home," Rimbault. Emily Smith. (b) "Morning Prayer," Straeobog. Lillian Youmans. (c) "Stars and Stripes," Sousa. Vashki Parker.
3. Song, "Babes in the Woods," Class.
4. Piano Duet, "Melody of Love," Secondo. Mrs. Wm. H. Seward.
5. Piano Solo, "Flower Song," Lange. Harold Gates.
6. Pantomime, "My Faith Looks Up to Thee," Little Maude Smith.
7. Reading, "Br'er Rabbit and Br'er Bar," Uncle Remus. Gerda Holmer.
8. Piano Solo, (a) "Jaunita," Emma Waldron. (b) "Song of Marguerite," Ludovic. Hazel King. (c) "Mountain Stream," Smyth. Katie Carlton.
9. Piano Trio, "Southern Beauty March," Schneider. Misses Kate Carlton, Hazel King, Master Harold Gates.

AWARD OF CERTIFICATES.

- Intermission, 8 minutes.
PART II.
Overture, Piano and Violin.
1. Piano Duet, "To the Chase," Mori. Secondo, Miss Kate Carlton.
2. Violin Solo, H. C. Goldstein.
3. Voice Solo, Violin Obligato, "Fiddle and L." Groden. Mrs. Wm. H. Seward.
4. Piano Solo, "Titania," Weyly. Miss Fulk.
5. Piano Solo, with Violin, "Spring Song," Mendelssohn. Miss Katie Carlton.
6. Violin Solo, H. C. Goldstein.
7. Voice Solo, "He Was a Prince," Mr. Silva.

In the Circuit Court of the Sixth Judicial Circuit of the State of Florida, in and for DeSoto county.

William G. Welles vs.

Jacksonville, Tampa & Key West Railway Company, a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of Florida and Archibald Rogers, a citizen of State unknown, and the Chatham National Bank, a corporation, incorporated under the laws of the United States.

To the Jacksonville, Tampa & Key West Railway Company, a corporation, incorporated under the laws of the State of Florida:

You are hereby notified that there has been filed in the above styled court a bill of complaint against you by William G. Welles for the purpose of compelling you to make, execute and deliver unto the said complainant a good and sufficient deed conveying the following described land, to-wit: south half, south half of the north east quarter, and the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of section seven; and the south half, the northwest quarter, and the northwest quarter, of the northeast quarter and southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of section eight; and the south half, and the northeast quarter, and the east half of the northwest quarter of section nine; and the west half, and the northeast quarter, and the west half of the southeast quarter, and the southeast quarter of section ten, all section fifteen, north half, north half of the south half, and the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter, and the southwest quarter of section seven; and all sections eighteen and nineteen; and the south half, and the north half of the northwest quarter of section twenty; and all sections twenty-one, twenty-four, twenty-five, twenty-six, twenty-seven, twenty-eight, twenty-nine, thirty, thirty-one, thirty-two, thirty-three, thirty-four, thirty-five, thirty-six, township thirty-six, range twenty-three. Also east half, and the southwest quarter east half of the northwest quarter, north-

west quarter of the northwest quarter of section one; and the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of southeast quarter of section eleven; and the northwest quarter, north half of the northeast quarter, and the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter, south half of the southeast quarter, and the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter, and the northwest quarter of section fifteen; and the west half, and the east half of the northeast quarter, and the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter, and the southeast quarter of section seven; and all section eighteen; and the west half, and the west half of the northeast quarter, and the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter, and the west half of the southeast quarter, and the southeast quarter of southeast quarter of section nineteen; and all sections twenty, twenty-one, twenty-two, and the east half, and the west half of the southwest quarter, and the northwest quarter of section twenty-three, and the south half, and the south half of the northeast quarter, and the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of section twenty-four; and all section twenty-six; and the west half, and the west half of the southeast quarter, and the northeast quarter of section twenty-seven, and all section twenty-eight, and the east half, and the north half of the southwest quarter, and the northwest quarter of section twenty-nine; and all sections thirty, thirty-one, and the east half, and the east half of the northwest quarter, and the southwest quarter of section thirty-two, and all sections thirty-three and thirty-four, and the west half, and the north half of the southeast quarter, and the northeast quarter of section thirty-five, township thirty-six, range twenty-four east, also west half of the east half, and the east half of the west half, and the east half of the southeast quarter of section eleven; and the south half of the southeast quarter, and the southwest quarter of the southeast quarter, and the southwest quarter of section twelve; and the east half, and the west half of the southeast quarter of section fourteen; and all section fifteen; and the east half of section twenty-four, township thirty-eight, range twenty-three east; east half, east half of west half, northwest quarter of northwest quarter and northwest quarter of southwest quarter, section two; south half of northeast quarter, and southeast quarter of section three; northwest quarter of section four, northeast quarter, north half of southeast quarter and southwest quarter of southeast quarter of section five; all section six; east half section ten; east half, east half of northwest quarter and southwest quarter of northwest quarter of section eleven; north half, southwest quarter, and north half of southeast quarter of section fourteen; southwest quarter of section eighteen; east half of east half, southwest quarter of northeast quarter, west half and northwest quarter of southeast quarter of section nineteen; west half of section twenty; north half, southwest quarter, west half of southeast quarter, and southeast quarter of southeast quarter of section twenty-two; all section twenty-one; south half of section twenty-eight; east half of northwest quarter, northwest quarter, southwest quarter, northwest quarter, southwest quarter, northwest quarter, southwest quarter of southeast quarter, and southwest quarter of section twenty-nine; east half of northeast quarter, southwest quarter of northeast quarter, east half of west half, northwest quarter of northwest quarter, southwest quarter of southwest quarter of section thirty; all section thirty-one; all section thirty-two; north half of northwest quarter, southwest quarter of northwest quarter, northwest quarter, northwest quarter of southwest quarter, and northeast quarter of southwest quarter, south half of southwest quarter of section thirty-five, all in township thirty-five, range twenty-three east, lying and being in DeSoto county, Florida.

And it being made to appear that there is no person known to plaintiff, his agents or attorneys, or to the sheriff in whose hands the writ of subpoena has been placed for service upon you, upon which the service of said subpoena would bind you, the said Jacksonville, Tampa and Key West Railway Company; and it being made to appear that the said subpoena has been returned by the officer whose duty it was to serve the same, with a notation on the back thereof of his inability to serve the same for the reason that there was no one within the State of Florida upon whom said subpoena could be served that would bind you, the premises considered, you the said Jacksonville, Tampa and Key West Railway Company, are hereby directed and commanded and required to appear and defend said action as above described. And that you be and appear before this court at the Court House in Arcadia, Florida, on the sixth day of August, A. D. 1906, to answer the complainant in the above styled cause; otherwise the matters and things set forth in said bill will be taken as confessed against you.

And you the said Archibald Rogers and Chatham National Bank are hereby notified that the complainant in the above styled cause has filed his bill against you asking for certain relief therein prayed for.

It is thereupon ordered, adjudged and decreed and you are hereby directed and commanded and required to be and appear before this Honorable Court and true answer make to the bill of complaint filed in this cause, on the sixth day of August, 1906, the same being the rule day of said court. It is further ordered that this order of publication against the said Archibald Rogers and the Chatham National Bank and the Jacksonville, Tampa and Key West Rail Road Company, be published in the DeSoto County News, a newspaper published in said county, once a week for eight consecutive weeks.

Done and ordered at Chambers, at Tampa, Florida, on this 30th day of May, 1906. S. B. WALL, Judge of the Ct. Ct. of the 6th Jud. Ct. of Fla., DeSoto, Co. Treadwell & Treadwell, Solicitors for Complainant.

NASHVILLE, CHATTANOOGA ST. LOUIS RAILWAY, DIXIE FLYER ROUTE.

The N. C. & St. L. Ry., announces the following reduced rates for round trip from Jacksonville during June, July and August. These rates are special and in addition to the regular Summer Tourist rates in effect from May 15th to October 31st inclusive, to Summer Resorts throughout the North, South and West.

Monteagle, Tennessee, is the most attractive and popular Summer Resort in the South, and should receive consideration from everyone contemplating a trip to the mountains. Malaria and mosquitoes are entirely unknown, and its location on the tip-top of the Cumberland Mountains assures one of cool nights and pleasant days. To Monteagle, Tenn., and return, \$16.35.

Tickets on sale June 29, 30, July 3, 5, 19, 20, 21, 29, 30, 31, and August 16, 17, limited to August 31. Final limit extended to October 31st by depositing ticket with Agent and paying difference between rate at which ticket was bought and regular Summer Tourist rate.

To Nashville, Tenn., and return, \$16.25.

Tickets on sale June 10, 11, 12, 13, 19, 20, and July 5, 6, 7, limited to 11 days from date of sale. Extension to September 30th, 1906 by depositing ticket with Special Agent and paying a fee of 50 cents.

To Louisville, Ky., and return, \$20.40.

Tickets on sale June 10, 11, 12, limited to June 23rd. Extension to July 23rd, 1906 by depositing ticket with Special Agent and paying a fee of 50 cents.

Questions cheerfully answered. For further information, routes, rates, and attractive Summer Resort folders, etc., call on or address, COLE DANLEY, Florida Passenger Agent, 212 West Bay Street, Jacksonville, Fla.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior, Land Office at Gainesville, Fla., May 14, 1906.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before Clerk Circuit Court at Arcadia, Fla., on June 19, 1906, viz: Alderman H. Keen, of Fort Ogden, Fla., Hd. 30827 for the Sw 1-4 of Nw 1-4 and Nw 1-4 of Sw 1-4 Sec. 36, Tp 39 S., R. 23 E.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: W. R. Cain, of Fort Ogden, Fla. Marion Howard, of Fort Ogden, Fla. Walter Keen, of Fort Ogden, Fla. J. M. Keen, of Fort Ogden, Fla. W. G. ROBINSON, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, LAND OFFICE AT GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA, APRIL 9, 1906.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make commutation proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before Clerk Circuit Court at Arcadia, Fla., on June 19, 1906, viz: Henry W. Pearce, of Arcadia, Fla., Hd. 31905, for the N. E. 1-4 of S. W. 1-4 Sec. 30, Tp. 37 S., R. 25 E.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: P. S. Pearce, of Arcadia, Fla. W. F. Espenlaub, of Arcadia, Fla. J. F. Kinsey, of Arcadia, Fla. R. A. Mills, of Arcadia, Fla. W. G. Robinson, Register.

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Will practice in the Courts of De Soto county. Also in the Federal Courts at Tampa and Jacksonville. Will visit Arcadia for consultation in important cases upon notice.