

**Punta Gorda Lodge No. 115**

**F. & A. M.**  
Meets in Stat-  
ed Communi-  
cation second  
Thursday in each month at  
7:30 p. m. Special com-  
munications at call of W. M.  
Members Urged to be Pres-  
ent at all Meetings. Visiting  
Brethren Always Welcome.

**CAMP NO. 474**

**W. O. W.**  
Charlotte Harbor, Fla.  
Meets second and fourth Saturdays  
in each month.—Welcome given visit-  
ing sovereigns in good standing.  
T. A. STEPHENS, C. C.  
C. F. CURRY, Clerk.

**LOCAL ITEMS**

Subscribe for The Herald.  
Small shipments of pineapples  
and grapefruit go forward from  
here daily.

All kinds of vegetables and  
fruits fresh daily at R. M. King's.  
(adv.)

Have you tried Ryson "the  
perfect" Baking Powder? On  
sale exclusively at H. W. Smith's.

The town is suffering for tur-  
nip "greens." If any farmer  
will bring in fifty "messes," he  
can sell them in fifty minutes.

After a pleasant visit of several  
days to her kindred here, Mrs. H.  
McDaniel returned to her home  
in Arcadia, Tuesday evening.

Nick Renses, who is helping  
build the government nitrate  
plant at Brunswick, Ga., came  
home last week to answer the call  
of the county draft board for an  
examination. He went to Arcadia  
Friday, and was examined,  
with the result that, owing to de-  
fective hearing, he will be given  
deferred classification and, if  
needed, will eventually be placed  
in limited service. He will render  
good service, wherever he may be  
placed. Saturday night, he bought  
a Liberty Bond and returned to  
Brunswick, Sunday.

*The*  
**Wise Housewife**  
**Patronizes Us**



She knows that we are prepared to  
**FILL HER EVERY WANT IN**  
**THE GROCERY LINE.**  
**Butter, Cheese and Eggs.**  
Fresh and the Best in Town.  
**BE CONVINCED.**  
**GIVE US A TRIAL**  
**J. T. GRIGGS**  
PUNTA GORDA, FLORIDA

**Bonds Win Battles. Buy More Bonds.**

We carry a full line of quality  
groceries. Give us a trial.—H.  
W. Smith. 42tf

Hundreds of old newspapers  
for sale at The Herald office for  
10c. a hundred.

Better read that "Classified"  
column in this paper. You may  
find in it just what you want.

We have everything you will  
want when you go out for a pic-  
nic. Come in and see our line.  
Try "Sandwiches."—H. W.  
Smith. 42tf

Monday's south-bound mail  
train due here at 11:00 a. m. was  
two hours late. The delay origi-  
nated on the main line north of  
Lakeland.

Regular meeting of the Order  
Eastern Star will be suspended  
tomorrow (Friday) night. A call  
meeting will be announced later.  
By order of Worthy Matron.

During Mrs. Hanson's absence  
in Nashville, Tenn., Mrs. C. Moger  
will have charge of her millinery  
goods and take pleasure in wait-  
ing on all customers who may  
call.

Influenza in Jacksonville caused  
Geo. W. Gatewood to hurry  
back from that city. He returned  
Monday night and is now in  
good company here, said com-  
pany being his wife and daughter.

Dr. W. M. Matthews, who is en-  
joying a fine practice at Boca  
Grande, has come up here to help  
us, in case the influenza spreads.  
He is making headquarters at the  
Cochran drug store.

J. C. Matchett, heavy-weight  
bond-holder and jolly fellow, left  
Tuesday evening, for his home at  
St. Catherine's in Sumter county.  
He has been called for examina-  
tion by the county board at Bush-  
nell.

We are exclusive agents in Pun-  
ta Gorda for the celebrated line  
of Chase & Sanborn's teas and  
coffees. Then have been on the  
market since 1864. Try them once  
and you'll always buy them.—H.  
W. Smith. 42tf

Alee Whidden, who is serving  
on a federal troop-ship, arrived  
here Monday and, yesterday  
morning, went down by boat to  
Useppa to visit his father, Wil-  
loughby Whidden. We did not  
learn how long he will be here.

P. A. Barker's little daughter  
Lenett fell out of bed one night  
last week, and broke a bone in  
her left shoulder. A day or two  
elapsed before it was discovered  
what was the matter with her,  
and then Dr. Boyle fixed up her  
shoulder all right.

If you wish to escape influenza  
and other ills, come to Punta Gorda  
and eat onions and fish, and  
drink lime-ade and breathe the  
bracing, health-giving sea-breezes.  
You will never die here as long as  
you can eat plenty of onions and  
oranges, fish and flap-jacks.

Mabel and Dribbrell Simmons,  
children of Dr. and Mrs. J. A.  
Simmons of Arcadia, after enjoy-  
ing a visit of several days here to  
their grandmother, Mrs. Eliza-  
beth Turner, returned to their  
home Tuesday evening. Their  
mother has recovered from an at-  
tack of influenza.

It is reported here that a lead-  
ing business man of Arcadia  
"cussed out" the Liberty Loan  
solicitors who entered his store  
and asked him to subscribe for  
bonds. A Punta Gorda friend of  
that merchant says that he is sub-  
ject to "bug-house" attacks and  
was evidently suffering from one  
of these when he "blew up" the  
bond solicitors.

While their wives are working  
energetically and successfully ev-  
ery day to sell Liberty Bonds,  
Hewitt Brothers are supplement-  
ing their work by publishing in  
this paper a big advertisement  
calling upon people to put their  
money in these splendid govern-  
ment securities and thereby help  
conquer the ruthless Huns of Eu-  
rope. Hewitt Brothers are al-  
ways active in all matters per-  
taining to the public welfare;  
and, when it comes to practical  
patriotism, they are in the front  
ranks of the procession. They  
have invested in all four issues of  
Liberty Bonds. All honor to  
them.

Will Moger is said to be with  
the American forces in Siberia.  
If so, he is a long ways from  
home and is sure to find the  
weather extra-chilly.

The condition of two or three of  
our colored people who are down  
with pneumonia as a result of the  
influenza, is said to be very seri-  
ous and the chances of recovery  
are against them.

Fred Kennedy, well-known col-  
ored man, returned last week  
from Chester, Pa., where he has  
been working. He brought with  
him an attack of "flu," from  
which he speedily recovered.

A large lot of watermelons and  
cantaloupes grown on one of the  
neighboring islands, was brought  
here by boat Tuesday night, and  
next day placed on sale in J. S.  
Goff's grocery. These melons are  
out of season, but they are said to  
be fine.

On another page, it is stated  
that George Brown, the Cleveland  
boat-builder, is out of danger  
from the attack of pneumonia  
with which he is suffering. This  
is an error of this reporter. It  
will be several days yet before  
George is out of danger.

Punta Gorda children as well  
as town folks are as patriotic as  
the best of us. For example: lit-  
tle Mary Ellen, daughter of Mr.  
and Mrs. F. M. Glover, went into  
the First National Bank, yester-  
day morning, and subscribed for  
a Liberty Bond of the baby de-  
nomination.

A meeting of the Punta Gorda  
chapter of the Red Cross is called  
to be held at headquarters at 3:00  
p. m. next Wednesday, 23rd inst.  
All members are urged to be  
present as there will be election  
of officers. This by authority of  
the vice-president, Mrs. J. H.  
Hancock.

Mrs. Sadie B. Farrington and  
her daughter, Miss Henrietta, of  
Avon Park, spent several days  
here last week visiting their kin-  
dred of the Dewey family. Mon-  
day morning, Capt. Dewey hitched  
up his auto and took them  
back to Avon Park. He also took  
along Mrs. Rogers and her daugh-  
ter, Mrs. A. F. Dewey; and next  
day, accompanied by Mrs. Dewey  
and Miss Henrietta, he motored  
to Tampa to have some physio ad-  
ministered to his auto. He will  
return via Avon Park and bring  
Mrs. Rogers and Mrs. Dewey back  
with him. If they did not return  
last night, they may be expected  
today.

Our colored people are proving  
their patriotism in more ways  
than one. They have contributed  
liberally to the Red Cross and to  
Belgian relief; some of their best  
men are in the army and others  
not fit for military service are  
working in ammunition factories  
"up north," many of them are  
buying Liberty Bonds, and now  
comes St. Mark's Progressive  
Baptist church, of which Rev. M.  
L. Cherry is pastor, and puts an  
advertisement in this paper call-  
ing upon every body to buy Lib-  
erty Bonds. As long as we have  
such people as these, there is no  
doubt that we will beat the Huns,  
"horse, foot, dragoons," kaiser  
and all.

**Marketing the Citrus Crop**

A great deal has been said ab-  
out the marketing of the citrus  
crop this season, whether or not  
good prices would prevail and if  
transportation facilities would be  
ample to get the fruit to the mar-  
kets. F. L. Skelly, who recently  
made a trip through the East and  
Central West, reports the outlook  
very bright for good prices and  
better transportation this year  
than last.

California has only 2,000 cars  
of Navel oranges, says Mr. Skelly,  
the crop being 65 per cent of that  
of two years ago. Last season  
they had only 15 per cent of the  
crop of the preceding season. Por-  
to Rico, on account of the lack of  
fertilizer, has only 50 per cent of  
the crop she had last season. He  
believes that if the fruit is put on  
the market at the proper time  
satisfactory prices will prevail  
throughout the season.

**WHY RENT BATHING**  
**SUITS**  
When you can have your own  
for instant use and with the  
greatest degree of personal  
comfort...  
**MEN'S, WOMEN'S AND BOYS'**  
**BATHING SUITS**  
in great variety and at prices to suit all.  
Come in and see them.  
**Punta Gorda**  
**Dry Goods Company.**  
"Everything To Wear"

**His Eighty-Seventh Birthday**

"Grandpa" Phillip Blazer is  
celebrating his 87th birthday to-  
day. He was born in Ohio 87  
years ago. In 1859, he went to  
California in search of gold. Lat-  
er, he moved to West Virginia,  
where he served several terms as  
sheriff of Marion county. About  
ten years ago, he removed to  
Florida and the result has been a  
renewal of his youth.

He is living with the family of  
his son, Harry B. Blazer, and they  
are giving him an elegant feast  
today. His grandson, S. B. Blaz-  
er, and his daughter, Mrs. Harr-  
ison, both of whom are living at  
Nocatee, are expected to join the  
family here today in celebrating  
this memorable anniversary.

The Herald joins "Grandpa"  
Blazer's many friends in congrat-  
ulating him on having reached  
this stage on life's journey and in  
hoping that all his remaining  
years may be bright with happi-  
ness.

**Meeting Called Off**

The town health authorities  
met yesterday afternoon and is-  
sued orders prohibiting the hold-  
ing of public meetings of any  
kind until further orders. The  
religious services, therefore, an-  
nounced on another page of this  
paper to be held at the bathing  
pavilion on the town dock, will  
not be held.

**Closed Season for Mullet**

For the protection of the fishing  
industry in Florida, and in order  
that there be no misunderstanding  
as to the requirements of the  
United States Food Administra-  
tion, all persons engaged in fish-  
ing, or in the business of buying,  
selling or shipping fish, are here-  
by notified that the following  
special ruling has been approved:

From November 25th to Decem-  
ber 20th, 1918 inclusive, no fish-  
ing for mullet will be permitted  
in the waters of the state of Flor-  
ida, nor will marketing or ship-  
ping of mullet from Florida  
points be allowed.

This ruling is effective during  
the time specified in all waters of  
the state of Florida, and viola-  
tions of this rule will result in  
such penalties as are or may be  
provided by the United States  
Food Administration.

This ruling does not alter or  
change other General Rulings of  
the United States Food Adminis-  
tration applying to the fishing in-  
dustry of Florida.—BRAXTON  
BEACHAM, Federal Food Ad-  
ministration, Florida.

The schools of Pensacola have  
been closed on account of the ep-  
idemic of Spanish Influenza.

**National Farmers' Congress Will Meet in Jacksonville in December**

The National Farmer's Con-  
gress that meets in Jacksonville  
Dec. 3, 4 and 5, will be attended  
by many of the most distinguish-  
ed agriculturists in the United  
States. This is a most important  
coming event and problems of  
deep interest to Florida farmers  
will come before the sessions.

Florida's agricultural develop-  
ment is practically in its infancy.  
With resources and soil unsur-  
passed, this state should be the  
Nation's greatest and most pro-  
ductive garden.

The sessions being held during  
the State Fair furnishes an oppor-  
tunity for visual impressions of  
Florida's wonderful opportuni-  
ties which will unquestionably a-  
rouse great interest, and prove of  
untold benefit to the state. Jack-  
sonville is already preparing for  
great crowds of agriculturists and  
Florida farmers should avail  
themselves of this opportunity to  
see for themselves the possibili-  
ties of the soil, and hear discus-  
sions that will advance alike the  
individual and the Common-  
wealth's interests. The congress  
is National in its character, but  
Florida can derive untold benef-  
its therefrom.

Those in charge will use every  
effort to make the occasion a gi-  
gantic success, and B. K. Hana-  
fourde, director of the sessions,  
is also the general manager of the  
State Fair, which insures an oc-  
casion that will eclipse anything  
of its kind ever held in Florida.

All you who have torpid liver, weak di-  
gestion or constipated bowels look out for  
chills. The season is here and the air is  
full of the disease germs. The best thing  
to do is to get your liver in good con-  
dition and purify the stomach and bowels.  
Hербine is the right remedy, it answers  
the purpose completely. Sold by all  
druggists.

**Hold Your Order**  
**FOR Fertilizer**

The American Agricultur-  
al Chemical Company will  
soon have on hand in Punta  
Gorda an ample stock of

**Reliable Fertilizers**  
For Farm, Grove and Gar-  
den. See  
**L. M. Whitten, Agent**