

poem by UNCLE JOHN

The Senatorial candidates have struck their smartest gait, an' hawk their wares on busted crates, all up an' down the State.

Contendin' voices rant an' roar, to warn us THE of our danger. Nobody's honest any more CONFLICT—the Golden Rule's a stranger!

I reckon if we don't elect a rabid politician, we needn't ever much expect to better our condition. . . . And so—each candidate declaims in hate against the other, without a-callin' any names—that he's the Devil's brother.

I reckon that it's nip and tuck between contendin' forces—but I would sooner pass the buck, than hear their crime-discourses.

Why can't we have two honest men, to run against each other—who'd serve the people now an' then, an' treat 'em as a brother?

It seems to me, that politics has got so awful rotten, that we'd be in a better fix with all of it forgotten!

John

TOWN TOPICS OF A WEEK

The Important Happenings of Punta Gorda and Vicinity Briefly Told

Only twenty-four days till Christmas.

County commissioners and school board will meet Monday.

Baby carriages and watch and clock repair shop at R. M. King's.

Colonel C. C. Morgan, of Fort Osgood, was a business visitor here, Saturday.

Last Friday was a miserable, rainy, chilly day, but it was followed by a lovely day Saturday.

Acadia was favored with a short visit, Saturday, by Mrs. T. S. Knight of Charlotte Harbor.

In the matter of climate, last Friday was a regular Nebraska day—dry, rainy, dreary and chilly.

Captain A. F. Dewey is now riding in an elegant new automobile, which he purchased through the J. E. Skipper agency.

Mrs. Cleve Cleveland and children went to Boca Grande, Wednesday, to visit Mr. Cleveland, who is engaged in lucrative work there.

See A. Bailey, manager of the Peoples Wood Yard, for all kinds of wood—stove, fireplace or long; pine or buttonwood charcoal. 44-2t

G. Riesley of Dayton, Ohio, one of the most popular tourists to spend the winters here, arrived last week and, as usual, is located in the Blazer cottage on Cross street.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel K. Midkiff of Robinson, Illinois, arrived last week and are occupying their cottage on Goldstein street. Many friends gave them a cordial welcome.

James A. Siebolt, prominent in the business and social affairs of Louisville, Kentucky, a regular and popular winter visitor, arrived Saturday, for another season's sojourn.

An addition containing two bath rooms, one above and the other below, has just been made to the Conolly apartment house on the corner of Taylor street and Olympia avenue.

One of the business transactions of the past week was the sale to Samuel Russ of Port Meade, of the second-hand business of Samuel Nail, the purchaser taking immediate possession.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Jackson are enjoying a visit from their son, Charles E. Jackson, of Huntsville, Alabama, who arrived Monday night, and will be their guest till the end of next week.

Everybody come to the supper at the Tourist club rooms to be given by the ladies of the Presbyterian church on Friday, December 15, beginning at 5:30 p. m. A rousing good supper for 50c. 47-2t

Roy Saxon, leading business man of Brownville, accompanied by his little son and daughter, spent a few hours here Tuesday afternoon, visiting the children's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. U. S. Whitaker.

Archie Bryant, who has been working in Manatee county for the past fifteen months, came here Friday to see his father, George E. Bryant, who was suffering seriously from having been fished by a catfish several weeks ago.

Ernest Smith has taken over the management of the meat department of the Smith grocery. This market is equipped with one of the largest and finest cold storage plants in South Florida and the only one in this county. 46-1f

J. J. Boone and Miss Esther L. Boone, eminent people from Salem, Ohio, arrived last Friday night to spend the season. They are relatives of Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Hewitt. Accompanying them was J. E. Waterworth, another leading citizen of Salem.

Mrs. A. F. Dewey returned, Saturday evening, from Mulberry, where she spent two weeks nursing her son, Willis Dewey, who had undergone an operation for appendicitis. She brought Willis with her, and he is spending the week mingling with his numerous friends here.

Miss Myrtle Jack, who is a valued assistant in the First National Bank of Avon Park, was here from Saturday evening till Sunday afternoon, visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Jack. She was accompanied on her return to the Park by her sister, Miss Marjorie Jack, who is her guest for the week.

Miss Ruth Karl, a niece of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Enggren, who recently arrived from New York and are building an elegant home on Marian avenue, east, has been engaged to assist in the local post office and will enter upon her duties today (Friday). The many tourists here add so much to the business of the office that extra help is needed during the winter season. Really, two extra helpers are needed, and the department ought to supply them, especially as the postal revenues (under Democratic administration) are more than enough to pay the expense of operation.

Pat Murphy, Florida's famous Irish politician, spent Saturday here interviewing leading citizens in behalf of a guide-book which he is preparing for publication. His book will contain a vast amount of valuable information about the state.

The State Fair at Jacksonville attracted a very great concourse of people—in fact it is said that the attendance broke all records. County exhibits showed a surprising display of fruits, vegetables, field crops and grasses. Livestock and poultry were away ahead of anything heretofore shown. It was an interesting and profitable display of Florida's vast resources.

GO TO THE RESCUE

Don't Wait 'Till It's Too Late—Follow the Example of a Punta Gorda Citizen

Rescue the aching back. If it keeps on aching, trouble may come.

Often it indicates kidney weakness. If you neglect the kidneys' warning.

Look out for urinary disorders. This Punta Gorda citizen will show you how to go to the rescue.

E. Keen, prop. blacksmith shop, Sullivan St., says: "Many years of hard work as a blacksmith, weakened my kidneys and brought on kidney complaint. When I stooped to lift, catches took me in the small of my back and nearly doubled me up. My kidneys acted too freely and the secretions were highly colored. I procured Doan's Kidney Pills at the Cochran Drug Co., and they rid me of the backache and put my kidneys

in good shape. Doan's can't be beat."

Price 60c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Keen had. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfrs., Buffalo, N. Y. adv.

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We buy direct from the grower and this means you save all middlemen's profits.

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A RUG FOR EVERY ROOM

Did you ever notice how the right rug brings that homey, cheerful feeling to a room? With summer past you want to dress up your home for the fall and winter and I am here to serve you in helping you get the rugs you want for your rooms.

WILTONS, AXMINISTERS, VELVETS AND BRUSSELS

—the most extensive selection ever shown in Punta Gorda—at prices one-half what they were a few months ago. All sizes.

H. C. GOLDSTEIN

FURNITURE AND RUGS

Marian Avenue - Punta Gorda, Fla.



I want GLOVES. soft, warm, velvety gloves, French kidskin, with one button clasp or those tailored looking gloves with flare cuffs. Any kind, but let it be gloves for Christmas. Centeri Gloves, \$1.50 up; French Lambskin, \$3.00; One Clasp, \$3.00.

I want a HANDBAG. One of those beautiful, silver mesh and beaded and leather handbags that come in swagger, vanity and pouch styles. They're all the rage now. Oh, Mr. Man, buy me a handbag for Christmas. They range in price from 75c to \$10.50



I want HANKERCHIEFS. I want dainty handkerchiefs with attractive borders or clever little embroidered corners, made of faultless linen or sheer white lawn. In linen they are priced from 5c each to \$1.50 a box.

I want STOCKINGS for Christmas. Lustrous silk stockings whose lovely sheen puts the finishing touch to the new gown or frock. Pure silk hose are priced from \$1.00 up. (Other grades may be found at the main store near the postoffice.)



I want Jap Silk bedroom slippers, a boudoir cap, tapestry and colour table covers, a pretty ivory basket, a silk petticoat, a gold neckchain, a silk blouse, a corsage bouquet, beautiful hand painted, imported china, sparkling cut glass, beautiful silver, a bathrobe, negligee, fancy pins, bead necklaces, earrings, bracelets—and oh, lots of other things—but I'll be satisfied with two or three of these things.

No matter what she wants, you can get it at Seward's Ladies' Wear Store, "the store with a thousand gift-things," and a cordial invitation is extended you to come in and inspect them before going away in search of your holiday gifts. "Try the home stores first, this year."