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ARCADIA MERCANTILE CO.

Locals

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

D. W. Boyer, of Benton Harbor, Mich., is in the city on business.

T. S. Chatham, a well known citizen of Arcadia, left yesterday afternoon for Greeman, N. C., where he was called to the bedside of his mother.

J. W. Bowen, who has been a resident of Arcadia for the past five years, has removed to Lake Wales, where he will reside in future. His many friends regret his departure.

J. R. Davis, a prominent truck grower of Bartow, arrived here last night accompanied by Dr. H. H. Briggs, of Asheville, N. C. These gentlemen were en route to Lee county, where they will participate in a hunt for a week or more.

After Visit—
Vernon Hollingsworth, who has been spending the Christmas holidays with his mother in Jacksonville, returned this morning.

Return From Ocala—
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Carlton and Miss Kate Carlton have returned from Ocala, where they have been spending the past week or ten days visiting friends and relatives. They returned last night.

Visiting in City—
C. H. Smith, who is teaching school in Chipley, arrived here this morning and is to spend the remainder of the week visiting his mother and attending the state teachers' convention.

A fellow by the name of Rice, of San Francisco, has invented a gun that will throw 3,000 projectiles per minute. The gun is operated wholly by electricity. The projectiles are thrown with an initial velocity of 4,000 feet per second. It is now up to some other fellow to invent another gun that will shoot 4,000 times per second and at a still greater initial velocity than this one. Somebody will do it, too.

H. C. DUDLEY SUFFERED FOR TWENTY YEARS

GAINS 30 POUNDS IN LESS THAN SIX WEEKS

Had Used Enough Medicine to Stock Up Drug Store

I suffered for 20 years, and was treated by doctors all over the country, but nothing did me any good until I got hold of this Andes, said H. C. Dudley, of Memphis, Tenn., a well-known conductor on the Illinois Central. In telling of his remarkable restoration to health. Yes, sir; Andes has restored my health, and I am so thankful I hardly know how to express myself.

I suffered terribly with pains in my stomach and ached all over. I had no appetite, and what little I eat did more harm than good. I couldn't sleep well and didn't know what it was to get a real good night's rest. I had severe headaches and was constipated all the time. I got so weak I could hardly pull myself around, much less go out on my run. The doctors told me I had catarrh of the stomach and bowels, and it had gone into an incurable stage. I guess I took enough medicine to stock up a drug store, but it was like taking that much water, for it didn't help me in the least, and instead of getting better I was getting worse all the time. I had just about given up all hopes of getting well and strong again. About that time I began to hear about Andes and the wonderful results it was giving to those who had used it. I thought there might be a chance that it would help me. I bought a bottle and began taking it. It helped me from the very first dose. The first thing I knew I was hungry, and I began to eat things that I had not touched for months, and everything agreed with me perfectly. My sleep got better, and I new get up of mornings feeling fine. In fact, I am in fine shape every way. I have gained 30 pounds in less than six weeks and my friends all say it is wonderful what Andes has done for me. I wish every sick man and woman in the country could know just how good this Andes medicine is. This wonderful medicine so highly endorsed by H. C. Dudley, Memphis, Tenn., is now on sale in Arcadia by Arcadia Drug Store, the exclusive agents.

Permits for the importation of 127,706 canaries were issued by the biological survey during the past year.

THERE ARE more ways to kill a dog 'sides choking him to death on butter—with butter at 50 cents per. Use the Cheap Column way.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE AN EVENT IN THE HISTORY OF THE CITY

The first Community Christmas Tree for the city of Arcadia was a grand success when viewed from every conceivable standpoint.

Long before the hour arrived for the exercises to begin a stream of people, men, women and children, began to assemble on the court house grounds, and by the time the hour had arrived an assembly variously estimated at from three thousand to four thousand persons were present, and anxiously awaiting the program to begin.

The various committees had done their work well. A beautiful oak tree on the campus had been magnificently decorated and had several hundred electric light bulbs placed in exquisite taste all over and through the tree, that gave it an appearance of beauty far in excess of anything before witnessed. Over the tree was a star, which was adequately lighted and made a most beautiful setting for the tree, and which was also an impressive reminder of the Star in the East that guided the wise men to where the Child lay.

The Colonial Symphony Orchestra played a number of beautiful selections appropriate to the occasion, and the singing of a number of Christmas songs by members of the various church choirs was highly spoken of as being very effective.

The meeting was presided over by

the Hon. C. H. Mitchell, which is always a guarantee for good order and respectful attention. Considering the size of the crowd and the large number of little children present, the attention could not have been better. Each one seemed to vie with the others in the general spirit of good will. It was remarkable how the attention was held before the three thousand people present when the invocation was delivered by Dr. Charles T. Alexander and the Scriptures were read by Mrs. S. W. Bail and Rev. F. A. Shore. Rev. Shore gave the prophecy of Isaiah concerning the coming of the Messiah, and Mrs. Bail told the Shepherd's story in a manner that even the children were sorry when her charming voice had ceased.

It was indeed an event in the history of the city, and nearly one thousand packages of goodies made as many children glad, and through their happiness many older hearts were also made to rejoice. The general remarks made by the people were along this line: "This is the greatest affair the city has ever undertaken."

The value of such a community spirit is worth many times the cost. It has been in money and labor. Rejoice and be happy, all ye who in any way contributed to the success of the event!

REPAIR AND PAINT YOUR FARM MACHINERY.

Winter should not be an idle time on the farm. Among the many things to be done is the overhauling, repairing and painting of the machinery used on the farm. The present price of all farming tools emphasizes the necessity of giving them the best care possible. Look the implements over and make the necessary repairs; then when the rush of work begins in the spring, all machinery will be in readiness.

If no implement shed is available for the proper housing of the farm machinery, J. M. Scott, of the University of Florida Experiment Sta-

tion, recommends that the machinery be thoroughly painted. PaPaint will preserve the wood and prevent the metal parts from rusting. Two kinds of paint will be needed; one of the metal parts and the other for the wooden parts. The price of the paint will be returned in a longer life for the machinery.

Rye will thrive on acid or poor soils where wheat will not grow well, and may be planted on any soil later than wheat. It makes one of the earliest spring pastures and is excellent as a green manure. These characteristics make rye an important factor in farm economy, even in sections where its yield of grain is not as profitable as that of wheat.

BIG CHAUTAUQUA WILL BE STAGED IN ARCADIA SOMETIME IN FEBRUARY

UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE ARCADIA COMMERCIAL CLUB, DEAL WAS CLOSED YESTERDAY BETWEEN MR. C. RUCKER ADAMS AND THE CLUB, WHEREBY THE BEST TALENT EVER PRESENTED IN THIS CITY WILL APPEAR. AMONG THE LECTURERS ARE WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN, DR. LEN G. BROUGHTON AND JOHN TEMPLE GRAVES.

A big chautauqua will be staged here in February under auspices of the Commercial Club. The deal was closed yesterday between Mr. C. Rucker Adams and the Commercial Club, whereby he is to bring his chautauqua to Arcadia during some week the latter part of February, the exact date to be determined later.

Mr. Adams is an old chautauqua manager having been in the game for a number of years. During this time he has made for himself an enviable reputation for fair dealing with the people. He has had charge of the chautauqua in Lakeland for the past seven years, and was instrumental in erecting the magnificent auditorium there for such occasions.

It was emphatically impressed on Mr. Adams' mind that there is but one way to make the chautauqua a

go in Arcadia at the present, and that is to book for the occasion extra strong talent. This he has done. William Jennings Bryan, Dr. Len G. Broughton and John Temple Graves will positively appear here during chautauqua week. Besides, he has booked a number of high class singers, musicians, Bible teachers, and other entertainers and instructors.

The people of Arcadia may rest assured that nothing but high class talent will be staged here during the chautauqua. We get the same talent that will appear in Lakeland and St. Petersburg.

The price of tickets will be lower than usual. Mr. Adams will return here the early part of the new year and make definite arrangements about the price of tickets and the sale of same.

FLORIDA BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION MEETS IN ORLANDO, JAN. 8, 9, 10, 11

The Florida Baptist Convention meets in Orlando, January 8, 9, 10 and 11, and will be entertained by the First Baptist church of that city, Rev. E. T. Poulson, D. D., pastor.

It is believed that this meeting will be one of the best attended in the history of the convention, especially as the denomination has had one of its most successful years of growth. This together with the fact that Orlando is a most delightful convention city, accessible, and the railroads are giving the very best of rates, should make it a banner attendance year.

Hon. N. A. Blitch, of Tallahassee, a member of the state railroad commission, is president of the convention, he having held that office for the past several years. He has announced, however, that he will not consent to serve for another year. Rev. S. B. Rogers, D. D., of Jacksonville, is the

secretary and treasurer of the state board of missions of this convention, and through his office is done the business of missions, education and general philanthropy undertaken by the church in the state.

The program for the several days of the Orlando meeting will be of a very high order, among the speakers from Florida being such men as Dr. J. L. White, Miami; Dr. E. Van Hood, Ocala; Dr. A. J. Holt, Apalachee; Hon. C. A. Carson, Kissimmee; Dr. A. P. Montague, Lake City; Dr. S. B. Rogers, Jacksonville; Dr. W. C. Golden, Tampa; and many others. Speakers from outside the state will likely include Dr. Baron DeKalb Gray of Atlanta, Dr. J. F. Love, of Richmond, and Dr. J. J. VanNess, of Nashville.

A large number of delegates will attend from this city.