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It seems that no one wants an office in DeSoto county. At any rate they are slow to give the newspapers a "V" and get their names and wants before the people.

The democratic primaries are to be held April 15th. Johnny get your announcement in the paper—Advocate.

It would be a useless waste of money, you know. Johnny is opposed to the Buckman bill, and Gainesville as the location of the University.

If the proper inducements were offered the King Lumber and Manufacturing Company at Nocatee they would move their plant to Arcadia. This would be quite an addition to our town and now is the time for our merchants and other business men to make a pull for this addition.

The frost of Tuesday and Wednesday nights did considerable injury to the strawberry crop around Starke, Gainesville Daily Sun.

Come to DeSoto county, farmers. We have not had enough cold here this winter to kill the most tender plants. We have the climate and good soil too.

Now that Gen. Gilchrist is out of the way, Uncle Sol Phillips is thinking about running for the legislature. —Punta Gorda Herald.

No use, "Uncle Sol," there is a little fellow in this neck of the woods with about one-third of your avoirdupois, that is of the opinion that he can give you to Jacksonville and then beat you to Tallahassee.

A fellow named Bon Durant got the people of Bartow wrought up over a railroad from Tampa to Melbourne, with Bartow on the line, and when a meeting was called to look up the matter Bonnie had nothing tangible to offer. —Gainesville Daily Sun.

The above named noted financier also put a proposition before the people of Arcadia, but we decided that Hayter's will could build a railroad ourselves with the donations his company wanted.

The DeSoto county papers and the people are almost a unit in favor of the Buckman bill and the building of the State University at Gainesville. The legislative candidates who oppose this good measure, should there be any, will go back and sit down with a jolt after the primary. —Advertiser.

There will be one, unless his cheek fails him, asking the dear people to send him to Tallahassee, who is opposed to the Buckman bill and had five or six good reasons why it was unconstitutional. Perhaps the Supreme Court has knocked all of these reasons into a cocked hat, except the main one—that the removal of the University from Lake City would injure his old home town.

DeSOTO COUNTY PRIMARY.

In the approaching primaries, the Democratic voters of DeSoto county will vote for candidates for the following offices:

One representative in congress.
Two justices of the supreme court.
Two railroad commissioners.
One representative in the legislature.

Tax assessor, tax collector, treasurer, five county commissioners, three members of the school board, supervisor of registration.
One state's attorney, county judge, sheriff, justice of the peace and constable.

Instead of being an "off year" in politics in DeSoto county, we are of the opinion that when the racers are all lined up there will be a "full field," and something doing.

Owing to a blunder, Sheriff Freeman will have to make the race again in the next primary. At last election he was elected for four years; but owing to the fact that the papers necessary for him to qualify did not reach him in time for him to qualify within the time required by law, the governor appointed him until the next regular election.

Mr. Freeman has made us a good sheriff and the thing to do is for the voters to go to the polls and confirm their action at last election, giving Mr. Freeman a four-year term.

GARDNER.

Gardner, March 8.—Messrs. Arch Hampton, Harmon Coker, Suskin Coker, Wess Stevens, and Misses Nannie and Flossie Coker, and Mr. and Mrs. Louis, chaperon and cook, have just returned from a ten days' camp hunt out to the lakes—Stearns, Josephine and Grassy. They report a fine trip.

A surprise party was given at Mrs. Fussell's for her sister, Miss Clifford Albritton, Tuesday night. All enjoyed themselves immensely. Refreshments were served at ten. Mr. Ed Hendry, John Barnhill, and Bryant McCorquodale were present on the occasion.

Quite a crowd of Arcadians spent Sunday evening in this city—Messrs. Ed and Harry Hendry, Grover and Ulric Langford, Emory Johnston, John Barnhill, Stephen Hooker, and Altman.

This seems to be a drummer storm instead of a hail storm, as five drummers are stopping at the Gardner House. Hurrah for the Gardner Hotel "Buis" is rushing.

Mr. Ulric Langford was casting a winning smile at Gardner's fair sex Sunday, "Ci" Mr. Langford has a rubber tire, etc.

Mr. R. N. Durrance has been ill for a few days, but seems to be improving rapidly.

Dr. Moore paid Arcadia a business call Tuesday.

The new church is fast nearing completion.

Mr. Royall's still will be in operation in the course of a week or so.

Mr. Dan Coker will commence painting his house this week. When it is painted we can readily compliment Mr. Coker on having the sweetest little cottage in town.

Mr. C. L. Boggess has returned from "Nassau."

Mr. and Mrs. Lanier were shopping in Gardner Wednesday last.

Rich Guardian—Young man, I want you to understand that there are other things in this world besides money!

Young Man—I know it, sir, but it takes money to get them!—Detroit Free Press.

BOWLING GREEN.

Bowling Green, March 8.—B. F. West of Avon Park is visiting Mrs. W. R. Minor.

Mrs. Ethel Jones is the victim of a bad case of rheumatism in neck and shoulders. She is confined to her room.

Guy Howard of Arcadia was a visitor to our town Sunday. Must be a game of hearts, Mr. Guy.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Bramble of Rochester, N. Y., are guests of the Merchants Hotel. They come here for health, and are seeing the country with a view to locating.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Whitfield are the proud possessors of an eleven-pound boy.

Judge Cochran of Arcadia had an official sale of horses and mules in Bowling Green, Tuesday.

T. A. Goode of Bartow was officiating with his brother Masons in Bowling Green this week.

The United States attorney general has decided that the law prohibits the sale of Peruna, and other patent medicines containing the same percentage of alcohol—to go into effect four months from January.

A new packing house is to go up in our town soon.

A. O. Graddy has been sworn in as permanent deputy sheriff by his honor, W. R. Minor, N. P.

J. R. Vaughan has purchased an outfit for making cement block and

will erect a dwelling house out of this material.

What say the Plant officials to giving our depot a good coat of the yellow paint?

Dr. Hoyt is a jack of several trades. When not rolling pills for the public, he employs time in enlarging his office rooms. The doctor believes in advertising.

J. T. Croom is just back from Tampa with handsome pair of horses, and one pair of five-year-old mules to add to his stock of livery.

The two-story wooden structure between Hart's and Hogan's stores is an unsightly object to the gaze of citizen and visitor.

A. E. Caldwell of Alabama, coal operator, is visiting our town, and expects to locate here.

What is there in a name? It may be interesting to our readers to take a look at the names of our streets, as found in the map we discovered in the Bank Building: Lime avenue, Strawberry avenue, Grape avenue, Palmetto avenue, Lemon avenue, Ross avenue, Pineapple avenue, Jones avenue, Banana avenue, Coconut avenue, Smith avenue, West avenue, Kerr avenue, Potter avenue, Peeples avenue, Chester avenue, Keck avenue, Church avenue, Freeman avenue, Dunklin avenue, Ferguson avenue, Mason avenue, Bryan avenue, Stokes avenue.

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