

A BIG CROWD OF VOTERS

Greeted the Candidates Last Monday Night at the Court House.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

Last night some of the candidates for the office of Governor, Secretary of State, State Treasurer and State Superintendent of Public Instruction, spoke to a large crowd at the court house. Henry W. Smith, of Wauchula, DeSoto county's state executive committeeman, presided at the meeting, and it was his duty to notify the speakers when their twenty minutes, all the time allowed them, was up. There were ten candidates present that spoke, and Mr. Smith had to call "time's up" about twenty different times. One of the amusing features of the speaking was, as far as this reporter can remember, every candidate at some stage of his speech very emphatically declared that he had a Catholic church. The speaking lasted from 7:30 until after 11 o'clock, but the large crowd seemed to enjoy the talks, and there was much applause to each of the speeches.

Two of our well known local candidates for high county offices at the beginning of the evening expressed the hope that the aspirants to the state offices would conclude in time for them to have a little "say" to the large crowd, but when 11 o'clock came they decided that it would be useless to try to hold the audience any longer, and thus the people missed the opportunity of hearing a great joint debate by two candidates well known to them for a county office. However, this last treat may come to the people of this city some time before the election in June.

The following candidates for state offices spoke:

For Governor.

M. V. Knott,
Ion L. Farris,
P. M. Hudson.

For Secretary of State.

H. Clay Crawford,
A. P. Jordau.
For Justice of the Supreme Court,
Jefferson B. Browne.

For Superintendent Public Instruction
W. N. Sheets.

For State Treasurer.

J. C. Luning,
J. S. Griner.
Congressman S. M. Sparkman, of Tampa, and H. J. Drane, of Lakeland, the two candidates for the office of representative to the United States congress from the first congressional district, were absent but it is thought that the people of Arcadia will have the opportunity of hearing these two gentlemen before the election.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON CLUB.

The Friday Afternoon Club met with Mrs. W. H. Seward last Friday, the members present being Mesdames Whitney, Wey, Martin, Odlin, C. A. Roe, Platt and Bunker. Club guests were Mesdames Green, Horton, Hernon, Goucher, Harvey, Cline, McSwain and Dunwoody.

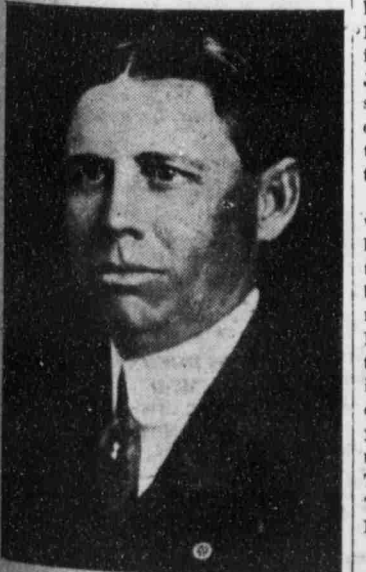
The hostess served delightful refreshments of ice cream and wafers. The club will meet next Friday with Mrs. J. S. Semple at her suburban home.

ACCIDENT ON C. H. & N.

(From Monday's Daily.)

About 3 o'clock this afternoon the work train on the C. H. & N. Railway, about three miles from Fort Ogden, struck a workman, Frank Beasley, son of J. F. Beasley, of Fort Winter, breaking his leg between the ankle and knee. Dr. Moody was at once called in, and the injured man was brought into the local sanatorium for treatment.

WALL FOR SENATOR

PERRY G. WALL,
Of Tampa.

A Business Man, a life-long Floridian, who knows the needs of the State and can give efficient service. Not a Professional Politician.

BUSY WEEK

AT THE COURT HOUSE.

During the past week much business has been transacted at the court house. Circuit court has been in session, the board of public instruction held a special meeting, as did also the board of county commissioners. Over six homesteads have been proven up, and the following people made naturalized citizens of the United States:

Andreas N. Ravon, formerly of Germany, but now of Venus,
Christopher Hutchingson, formerly of England, but now of this city,
Carl Wittrock, formerly of Denmark, but now of Venus.

Henry Dugan, formerly of Sweden, but now of Fishcreek Creek.
Frederick Thomas Himgan, formerly of England, but now of Adrian.

Steve Chure, formerly of Austria-Hungary, but now of Belmont.
John Beulsak, formerly of Austria-Hungary, but now of this city.

Z. V. Hicks, of Wauchula, is being tried in the circuit court today on a charge of grand larceny. He is accused of stealing the sum of \$38 and some odd cents at Wauchula a few months ago. The jury in this case is composed of the following men: Ed. Tappens, John Williams, Andrew Green, D. W. Cline, Mr. Arnold, John Thigpin.

\$30,000 FOR AVON PARK.

The following is from the last week's issue of the Avon Park Press: "At the bond election held in the council rooms Tuesday, May 9, the largest gathering of voters ever held in this town voted for a majority of nearly 3 to 1 for the issuance of \$30,000 in bonds for paving city streets."

The officers for the bond election were D. F. Canfield, clerk; Norton Smith, Oscar Wolf and W. T. Hall, inspectors. These men were sworn in as required by law by the mayor. Ninety-four ballots were cast, of which sixty-nine were for the bond issue and twenty-five against it.

By voting for these bonds the citizens of this town show that their spirit of improvement has not waned in the last since they decided only a few months ago to make this town, which has an ideal geographical location, modern in every detail. They then started to lay concrete sidewalks, and have now authorized the paving of the streets which will firmly establish this town as the "Queen of the Scenic Highlands."

We are already ahead of the other towns along this division of the A. C. L. by having miles of concrete walks and are stretching this lead by paving our streets.

This election shows the good citizen spirit in our excellent town by giving improvements such a majority in voting.

The streets which are to be surfaced have been voted on, and all that remains is to advertise and let contracts for the completion of the work already authorized. If everything runs smoothly we will have hard surfaced streets for the land owner who returns here next winter.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT.

The jury in the case of the State of Florida vs. Z. V. Hicks, a young white man of Wauchula, who was charged with grand larceny, after deliberating for about four hours, reported to the court that they were unable to agree on any verdict, and the case was declared a mistrial and the jury discharged. The defendant is represented by Robins and Timberlake, of this city. This case is being tried again today. The jury in the trial yesterday was composed of the following men: Ed. Tappens, John Williams, Drew Green, D. W. Cline, John Thigpin and A. E. Arnold.

The jury, composed of the following men, Lewis Bostick, George Nowland, W. W. McQuaig, W. I. Polk, Fred Morgan and L. H. Griggs, having brought in a verdict of guilty, Judge F. A. Whitney this morning sentenced Jim Murry, a negro, to seven and a half years at hard labor in the state pen for assault with intent to murder.

Robert Williams is a blind negro who seems to be addicted to the bad habit of conducting a blind tiger in this county. Having been tried once before in the circuit court, which means that this is his third offense, Robert, after being found again guilty of selling the fire water this morning, Judge F. A. Whitney, of the circuit court, sentenced him to four years. The jury in this case was made up with the following men: Ed. Tappens, J. F. Thigpin, A. E. Arnold, T. C. Cline, J. W. Williams and Drew Green.

HUNG JURY IN ARSON CASE.

At 8 o'clock Saturday night the jury in the case of the State of Florida vs. R. C. and Locke Addison, after considering the testimony in the case for about five hours, came into the court room and reported that it was unable

to come to any agreement concerning the guilt or innocence of the two defendants. Judge F. A. Whitney, seeing that the jury was hopelessly hung, discharged it. The defendants, who have been out on bond since they were first arrested, were allowed to go to their home in Punta Gorda. In this trial, which lasted from Monday, May 8th, until Saturday, May 13th, the accused men were charged with setting fire to several fish houses in Punta Gorda in the early morning hours of June the 28th, 1915. The state was represented by State's Attorney John W. Burton, of this city, and Colonel Tom Palmer, of Tampa, while the Addisons were defended by Major A. St. Claire Abrams, of Jacksonville, Sam Fletcher, of Tampa, and Leitner & Leitner, of this city. This case, which was one of the most interesting that has been tried in Arcadia in the past several years, attracted much attention, and the court room was crowded from the beginning until the end. Immediately after the jury had reported Saturday night, State's Attorney Burton asked that the case be continued until the coming fall term. This was granted, and it will be tried again at the next term of the circuit court. It is rumored that the jury stood five for conviction and one for acquittal. The jury was composed of the following men: George S. Williams, R. A. Colter, W. T. Gill, C. W. Pierce, C. W. Pabor and H. A. Boyle.

HIGHWAYMAN CAPTURED
LAST NIGHT.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

Last night Deputy Sheriff Ed. Gardner captured Henry Murry, a negro, who held up a white man Saturday night at the point of a pistol and tried to rob him. Deputy Gardner traced his man all yesterday afternoon through the negro quarters of the city, but could not find him. Late in the afternoon he found that the highwayman had made his way into the river swamp, whereupon Deputy Gardner "homesteaded" on the C. H. & N. tracks near the railroad company's shops and waited for his man. About dark he was rewarded by the sight of the criminal coming out of the swamp and in a few minutes the negro was a prisoner. This is only one of the many incidents which goes to show that the sheriff's force is playing a great part in making DeSoto county the law abiding county that it is.

PRINTERS ORGANIZE.

Arcadia printers met Monday night and perfected a temporary organization of a local of the International Typographical Union.

There were fourteen names signed to the petition for charter, and the indications are that several other printers from nearby towns will become members in the near future.

Temporary officers elected were: Otis F. Landers, president.
Book Gandy, vice-president.
O. L. Peterson, recording secretary.

Frank Horton, secretary-treasurer.
O. L. Shobe, sergeant at arms.

As this town is conceded to be one of the best printing towns in the state, and employs some of the best workmen in that line, it is but natural that the printers should organize for the benefit of themselves and their employers, and interest in the local organization is very marked.

Those in position to know concede to the International Typographical Union first place among labor organizations, realizing that it has done and is doing more to benefit its members mentally, morally and physically than is probably any other organization.

THE POLYANNA CLUB.

The Polyantha Club was very delightfully entertained by Miss Marjorie Clay at her home Saturday afternoon, May 13th.

The afternoon was very pleasantly spent in sewing and candy making. About 5:30 o'clock the hostess served dainty refreshments consisting of pineapple gelatine and wafers.

Those present were: Misses Gertrude Davis, Birdie Scott, Charlotte Seward, Frances Britt, Susie Stonebraker, Eva Link, Clara Blake, Gussie Henchon, Ida Belle Appleby and Elizabeth Jones.

SEN-SEN CLUB.

The Sen-Sen Club was entertained by Miss Emily Pooser at her home Saturday afternoon, May 13th. On account of the bad weather very few members were present, and it was not decided where the club would meet next Saturday. About 4:30 o'clock the hostess served delightful cream and cake. Punch was served all the afternoon.

Colonel Roosevelt says he and his sons and at least one of his sons-in-law would go to war, but evidently has doubts about Nick's willingness to kill anything but time.—Terre Haute (Ind.) Star.

GARDNER

One of the most enjoyable social events of the season was the B. Y. P. U. monthly social, which was held at the hotel on Friday night. There were about fifty present. Enjoyable games, merry conversation and music made the hours pass quickly. Mr. Heath sang several pretty solos, Mrs. Voss and Miss Wilson added to the program with several piano selections. Delicious refreshments were served at the close of the evening. The young people left at a late hour, and all voted Captain and Mrs. Boggess the finest of entertainers.

The quarterly conference of the M. E. church convened here on Thursday. Among those present were Rev. Norton, of Bartow, Mr. and Mrs. Carlton, of Friendship, Mr. Matthew Carlton, of Zolfo, R. F. Saxon, of Brownville, Rev. Cole and wife, of Zolfo.

Let Boggess, Allen Roberts and E. E. Bradford returned Saturday from an auto trip to Okeechobee City.

Miss Naomi Wilson spent the week-end with Miss Petrey, of Limestone. J. E. McRae and J. L. Brandon motored to Arcadia Monday.

Dr. and Mrs. J. S. Coker visited relatives in Fort Ogden Tuesday.

Kelsey Albritton, of Jacksonville, is visiting Gardner home folks this week. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Farwell are the proud parents of a baby boy, who came into their home on May 14th. Dr. Coker reports Mrs. Farwell and the "young real estate agent" doing nicely.

Elias Waldron, of Venus, spent Tuesday with J. L. Brandon and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Livingston and Miss Martha Livingston, T. O. Baldwin and family, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. McRae.

R. F. Saxon, of Brownville, attended to business here Thursday.

Mrs. Sallie Wilson visited in Arcadia Wednesday.

The W. M. U. Society of the Baptist church met with Mrs. E. M. Morse Tuesday. An interesting program was carried out and one new member added.

L. A. Stillwell was an Arcadia visitor Tuesday.

Political rally at Gardner Saturday, May 27th, at 7:30 p. m. Gardner with her eighty-five qualified voters extends an invitation and cordial welcome to all of the candidates and their friends.

IMPORTANT TO MUSICIANS.

The National Federation of Musical Clubs announces its second biennial contest for young professional musicians. The contest for Florida will be held in November, and to bring the work to its highest possible value it must be representative, not of a few large clubs, but of every club and musical person in the state. To the winners in the final contest will be given a public appearance at the tenth biennial festival held in Birmingham, Ala., April, 1917. Lists of piano, violin and vocal compositions from which choice may be made by contestants, also conditions of contest, may be obtained from the state president.

MRS. JAMES H. HIRSCH,
Orlando, Fla.

LORIMER ACQUITTED.

Yes, Senator Lorimer has been acquitted. You expected it. We expected it. Everybody expected it. Nobody said he was not guilty. Nobody voluntarily rushed into print advocating his innocence. No tons of petitions came requesting his acquittal. Yet, he was acquitted, and will appear among the great financiers again with his methods and practices.—Avon Park Press.

LEGAL ADVERTISING.

Notice to Contractors.
Separate sealed proposals will be received at the office of the Board of Public Instruction of DeSoto County, Arcadia, Florida, until noon the 12th day of June, A. D. 1916, for the complete construction of brick school houses at Bowling Green, Zolfo and Charlotte Harbor, Florida.
The bidder must submit with his proposal a certified check in the sum of \$250.00 with each bid. The check shall be made payable to the order of Jas. O. Bickley, Secretary to the Board of Public Instruction, and the proceeds of such check shall become the property of the Board if, for any reason whatever, the bidder, after the opening of bids, withdraws from the competition or refuses to execute the contract and bond required in the event of said contract being awarded to him; and checks of the unsuccessful bidders will be returned after the approval of the contract and bond executed by the successful bidder.

The contract which the bidder agrees to enter into shall be the form in use in the office of the architect—known as the Uniform Contract.

The contractor shall provide surety bond in the sum of fifty (50 per cent.) per cent. of his contract with ample and approved sureties, to the approval of the owners. And also for the use and benefit of all parties who may be entitled to liens under the said contract according to the provisions of the Laws of the State of Florida. This bond shall remain in force for and until six months after completion of the building, and acceptance of same by the architect and owner.

Contractors wishing to bid may obtain drawings and specifications for Bowling Green from F. J. Kennard, architect, Tampa, Florida; and for Zolfo and Charlotte Harbor from F. J. Kennard, architect, Arcadia, by accompanying his application with a deposit in the amount of \$15, which deposit will be refunded in full on receipt of said drawings and specifications within five days after the bids are received.

Failure on the part of the contractor to either give a bona fide bid on the work, or return the drawings and specifications within five days after bids are received, without cost to the architect, will forfeit the \$15. Drawings may be seen at the office of James O. Bickley, County Superintendent, Arcadia, Florida.

Dated by order of the Board of Public Instruction of DeSoto County, this 8th day of May, A. D. 1916.
JAS. O. BICKLEY,
County Superintendent and Secretary.
5-11-16.

Administrator's Notice.

In Court of the County Judge, State of Florida, Estate of Mrs. M. J. Buell, DeSoto County. By the Judge of Said Court.

Whereas, L. H. Griggs has applied to this court for letters of administration on the estate of Mrs. M. J. Buell, deceased, late of said county of DeSoto.

These are, therefore, to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of said deceased to be and appear before this court on or before the 24th day of June A. D. 1916, and file objections, if any they have, to the granting of letters of administration on said estate, otherwise the same will be granted to said L. H. Griggs or to some other fit person or persons.

Witness my name as County Judge of the county aforesaid, this 15th day of May A. D. 1916.

(Seal) W. D. BELLE, County Judge.

Notice for Publication.

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Gainesville, Florida, May 13, 1916.

Notice is hereby given that Wilhelm Reiter, of Arcadia, Florida, who, on March 14, 1912, made homestead entry No. 010016, for northwest quarter, section 31, township 40 south, range 26 east, Tallahassee meridian, has filed notice of intention to make three-year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Clerk of Circuit Court, at Arcadia, Florida, on the 30th day of June, 1916.

Claimant names as witnesses: F. H. Kuester, of Belmont, Florida; Roy Reynolds, of Belmont, Florida; Edward F. Stoll, of Belmont, Florida; Gus Ristau, of Arcadia, Florida.

ROBERT W. DAVIS,
Register.

Notice for Publication.

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Gainesville, Florida, May 13, 1916.

Notice is hereby given that Mittle L. Collins, of Venus, Florida, who, on September 14, 1912, made homestead entry No. 010988, for west half of northeast quarter, northwest quarter of southeast quarter, and northeast

quarter of southwest quarter, section 19, township 39 south, range 26 east, Tallahassee meridian, has filed notice of intention to make three-year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Clerk of Circuit Court, at Arcadia, Florida, on the 30th day of June, 1916.

Claimant names as witnesses: B. S. Johnson, of Venus, Florida; S. T. Langford, of Venus, Florida; J. R. Martin, of Venus, Florida; John Brunk, of Venus, Florida.

ROBERT W. DAVIS,
Register.

5-18 to 6-15.

BUSINESS LOCALS

WANTED TO BUY—Stove wood blocks in car load lots. See Rupert Smith. 1-19-tf

WANTED—Long leaf yellow pine blocks cut in 51 inch lengths, or clear logs. Will pay highest prices, spot cash, and take all you can furnish. Write for prices and specifications. King Lumber & Mfg. Co., Nocatee, Fla. 3-16-tf

FOR SALE—Mixed Peas, \$1.60, Whippoorwill \$1.70, Brabban \$2.00 per bushel; freight paid to Arcadia, Fla. George W. Heard, P. O. Box No. 136, Atlanta, Ga. 18-2tp

I WILL SELL my ten acre truck farm, fully equipped with everything on it out our two trunks, for two thousand dollars; immediate possession. Move in today, go to market tomorrow; a few minutes' walk from Arcadia on Dixie Highway. Come and see it; it's worth a good deal more, and you know it. Henry B. Jackson. Phone No. 203W. 1tp

LOST—Pointer dog; young dog, white with brown spots, tall and lank with white streak from top of head between ears to tip of nose. Finder return or notify H. L. Hollingsworth, Brownville, and be rewarded. d-15-tp-w1tp

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