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## A LOCAL OPTIONIST

Today Is Not What a Local Optionist Was Some Twenty Years Ago. Then All Local Optionists Were Pronounced Temperance Men, and Strongly Opposed to the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors. While Today Thousands of Those Who Claim to Be Local Optionists Favor the Sale of Liquors, But in Order to Prevent State or National Prohibition, Say They Believe This Is a Question That Should Be Settled by One of the Smaller Units of Government.

"What It Is To Be a Local Optionist" was discussed recently in the Plant City Courier by Mr. B. K. Thrower, of Tampa, in a way that just about reaches the meat in the coconut. Many years ago before the cause of temperance had made such advancement a "local optionist" meant that a man was against the sale of liquors, but was of the opinion that each small unit should settle this question for itself. Now when a man says he is a "local optionist" it means nine times out of ten that he is a "wet" man, and will vote the "wet" ticket every time the matter is presented. Mr. Thrower in writing to the Courier says:

"Kindly give me space in your valuable paper to answer the above question and to clear up an important matter. When one says I am a local optionist what does he mean? We will let Mr. Y and Z clear up the matter by answering certain questions. Mr. Y, are you a local optionist? I am, Mr. Y, when you were asked to sign a petition praying the county commissioners to order a wet and dry election, did you sign it? I did. Mr. Y, when the election was called, did you vote the dry ticket? I did, and besides this, I voted to make my state dry, and will vote for nation wide prohibition when I have the opportunity. Mr. Y, I am a Simon-pure local optionist. Now let me ask Mr. Z a few questions. Mr. Z, are you a local optionist? I am, Mr. Z, when you were asked to sign a petition praying the county commissioners to order a wet and dry election, did you sign it? No. When the election was called, did you vote the dry ticket? I did not. Mr. Z, when the matter of ordering a state wide election by the Florida legislature was being considered, did you favor ordering the election? I did not. When the election was called, did you vote the dry ticket? I did not. Then, Mr. Z, is that sense are you a local optionist? Answer: I am an anti-prohibitionist. I am opposed to submitting the question to the vote of the people, nation, state or county, but if it MUST be submitted to a vote of the people, then I am a local optionist in the sense that I am in favor of the county voting on it, but let it always be remembered that I have always voted the wet ticket, and will continue to do so."

### INJUNCTION REFUSED.

Parties from Polk county yesterday filed an appeal for an injunction in this city, in which they asked that the bond election which is being held in that county today, be postponed. Judge Whitney, of the tenth judicial circuit court, heard the case and refused to grant the injunction. Attorney J. H. Peterson, of Lakeland, represented the parties trying to enjoin the election. Col. Tom Wilson and another Johnson, of Bartow, were attorneys for the county. It is reported that there is a hot time in old Polk today, as there is an organized effort to carry against the bond election, which if carried, means that a million and a half dollars will be spent in that county for good roads.

H. G. Gates, prominent real estate dealer of this city, is spending today in Lakeland transacting business matters. He will return tonight.



### THE DE SOTO COUNTY TEACHER TRAINING SCHOOL, DE SOTO COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL, ARCADIA, FLORIDA

This school was organized to give the teachers and prospective teachers of DeSoto County academic and professional training in the art of teaching.

Every effort has been made by Superintendent J. O. Bickley and the County Board of Public Instruction to equip and officer this school so that it would give thorough professional as well as academic training to the teachers.

### MRS. F. A. SHORE ENTERTAINS BRIDGE CLUB.

The members of the Auction Bridge Club, together with their husbands and gentlemen friends, were entertained at the home of Mrs. F. A. Shore last evening. Place cards were issued for twelve tables. To each card was attached a small bouquet of yellow daisies. A most pleasant hour of playing was indulged in. Delicious and refreshing punch was served during the evening. The tables were arranged on the cool, spacious porch of the rectory, which was tastefully decorated with yellow daisies and potted plants, the color scheme being carried out throughout in the decorations. At the conclusion of the playing dainty refreshments consisting of chicken salad, pickles, olives, sandwiches, coffee and after-dinner mints were served. Those assisting the hostess were Mrs. O. W. Walter, who received at the door, while Mrs. Thomas Alderman, Miss Elizabeth Porter and Cleave Shore served the refreshments.

The club member holding high score was Mrs. A. F. Odlin, who received a towel trimmed with crocheted lace, the visiting lady, Mrs. Stange, receiving a pretty handkerchief. The gentleman receiving high score was W. B. Clay. Mrs. J. Semple carried off the booby prize, while Mr. F. B. Smith, mayor of Bunker, was presented with a bottle of catch-up, indicating that he was the poorest player present. The guests all report a most pleasant and enjoyable evening, and expressed the wish that the hostess might furnish a similar evening's pleasure in the near future.

The club members present were: Mesdames Odlin, Burkner, Locke, Rosin, Clay, Alderman, Walter, Platt, Richards, Horton, Simmons, Hollingsworth, Smith, Misses Davis, King and Parker. Visitors: Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lykes, T. B. King, Mrs. Stange, Dr. Simmons, Mr. and Mrs. Grant Orr, Mr. and Mrs. Fitch, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Smith, Miss Ella Polk, Miss E. Porter, Mrs. L. B. Fouts, Mr. and Mrs. J. Semple, Messrs. Hargreave, C. Carlton, J. Richards, Horton, Bunker, Rosin, E. Locke, F. B. Smith, William Platt, L. Treadwell, Walter, Ed. Davis, T. Alderman, Clay, Odlin.

Miss Rose Cox, who has had charge of the art class of the DeSoto County High School for the past nine months, left yesterday afternoon for her home in North Carolina. Miss Cox had many pupils in her class, and all of them hope that she will return here next term and resume charge of her work.

Dr. Shriner, a lady physician of Shorter College, and Miss Allen, voice teacher of that college, arrived in Arcadia this morning and will remain here for some time as guests of Miss Wanda Wey, who attended Shorter during the past term.

### A LETTER OF THANKS.

We take this method of thanking our dear friends and relatives who so kindly gave us their help and loving sympathy in the greatest sorrow of our lives, the recent illness and death of our sweet little boy, Henry Laurence; also for the many lovely flowers and sweet letters of sympathy and condolence. We would so love to write each one a personal letter, but our hearts are so torn with anguish till it's impossible to do this yet. Laurence was a bright, loving child, just entering his seventh year. Always making beautiful little plans for something, and to have him taken away from us so suddenly, with scarcely any warning, seems almost more than we can bear, but while there is a vacant place in our home and an empty, aching void in our hearts that can never be filled, we must submit to the will of Him who does all things for the best (though it's so hard to realize this), and say, with tearful hearts, our great loss is our darling's greatest gain, for "of such is the kingdom of heaven." We have a bright, shining little star in heaven to guide us on earth, and a willing hand to help us on earth, and hope some day, when earth's bitter trials are past, to meet our darling in his blissful home, and our earnest prayers will always be, "Oh, God, let us have an unbroken, reunited family on high." May God's richest blessings rest on each and every one.

MR. AND MRS. FURMAN HARRISON.

### MRS. ODLIN ENTERTAINED.

The members of the Friday Afternoon Club and their invited guests were entertained Friday afternoon, May 26th, by Mrs. A. F. Odlin at her home on East Magnolia street. A very interesting word contest was held of which Mrs. William Platt proved to be the winner, for which she was awarded a dainty little crepe de chine handkerchief. The remainder of the afternoon was spent in a musical program, and in sewing on fancy work. The members present were: Mrs. McL. Martin, Mrs. F. A. Whitney, Mrs. H. P. Bevis, Mrs. George Burkner, Mrs. William Platt. The visitors present were Mrs. W. E. Leitner, Mrs. Edmundson, Mrs. N. H. Goucher, Mrs. Harvey, Mrs. E. D. Treadwell, Mrs. W. E. Dunwoody, Miss Willie Wells, Miss Mary Durrance and Miss Evelyn Odlin. After light refreshments had been served and the guests had expressed their thanks to their hostess, the meeting was adjourned to meet next Friday afternoon, June 2nd, at the home of Mrs. William Platt, on East Oak street.

### NED PETERY BURIED THIS MORNING.

The body of Ned Petery, who was run over yesterday by an engine on the C. H. & N. Railway, was brought to this city this morning from Mulberry, where it died yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock from injuries received in the accident. From the C. H. & N. depot, with a large number of friends accompanying it, the body was taken immediately after the arrival of the train to the Oak Ridge cemetery, where it was laid to rest. Rev. Geo. F. Scott officiating. Young Petery leaves a father, mother and several brothers and sisters, all of whom have the sympathy of the entire community in their time of bereavement.

Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Ferrill and little son, who have been making Arcadia their home for the past three years, left yesterday afternoon for Miami, where Mr. Ferrill has accepted a position as manager of one of the largest grocery stores of that city. Before going to his future home Mr. Ferrill will stop over in Lakeland for a few days, while Mrs. Ferrill and son will go to Jacksonville for a visit with relatives. While regretting their departure the many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Ferrill in this city wish them all success in their new home.

### THE ARCADIA SOCIAL CLUB.

The Arcadia Social Club met yesterday afternoon with Mrs. G. M. Lynch.

The club was entertained at rook, Mrs. Ed. Butler making high score and receiving the prize, a box of stuffed dates, especially prepared by Miss Marguerite Lynch. At the conclusion of the games, the hostess, assisted by Misses Julia Lee Livingston, Alma Blake, Edith Lotz, Edna McLea, Marie Lynch and Marguerite Lynch, served a delightful luncheon consisting of chicken salad, sandwiches, saltines, olives, iced tea, marshmallows and mints.

The club expressed regret at the removal of Mrs. Anschutz, a valued member of the club, to Tallahassee in the near future.

Those present were Mesdames W. E. Daniel, E. D. Treadwell, Ed. Butler, J. L. Livingston, W. G. Welles, H. J. Carlton, H. E. Anschutz, J. W. Burton, S. Rosin, J. O. Bickley, E. H. Harvey, N. H. Goucher, S. S. Tate and A. C. Freeman.

The next meeting of the club will be held with Mrs. E. D. Treadwell.

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Mrs. B. Vance, accompanied by little Miss Josephine Dancy, left this morning for Bartow, where they will spend several days as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. P. James.

Ray Dunkley, well known Arcadian, left yesterday afternoon for Acline, where he goes to be married. None of the particulars could be learned, but it is thought that Mr. Dunkley and his bride will return to this city in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Carmer and children, prominent people of Pine Level, visited in this city yesterday.

## CARRANZA SENDS ANOTHER NOTE

To Washington Ordering the Americans Out of Mexico. He Claims That the Words and Protests Of the United States Have Been Entirely in Contradiction of Their Acts.

Mexico City, June 1.—Claiming that the words and protests of the United States have been entirely in contradiction of their acts, and that in spite of protests not to intervene in the affairs of Mexico, soldiers of the United States are in Mexico without the consent of the Mexican government, and in violation of Mexico's sovereignty, the Mexican government now asks for the immediate withdrawal of those troops. The request is made in a 12,000 word note made public at the foreign office yesterday about noon.

The note recites that the troops crossed the border after the Columbus incident without the permission of the Mexican government. The act was not considered one of invasion then, solely because the United States said they had misinterpreted the attitude of the Mexican government. When the second expedition crossed the line after the Glenn Springs incident, the note maintains, the plea that this was done with the consent of the Mexican consul at Del Rio, Texas, is untenable, and that act can only be considered as one of invasion.

"The Mexican government therefore invites the United States to bring to an end this unsupportable situation," the note concludes, "and to support its contentions and declarations of friendship by an immediate withdrawal of American troops."

Maintaining that the protests of friendship by the United States and the expressed desire for non-intervention has been contradicted by the acts of the Washington government, the note says the time has arrived when Washington must declare itself clearly and unequivocally as to its future intentions toward Mexico.

After reciting the facts which led to the first crossing of the frontier by the American troops after the Villa raid at Columbus, the note insists that in contradiction of the word of General Scott and General Funston, an expedition crossed the boundary line, thus violating all the precepts of international law and committing an act of invasion.

"The American government," says the note, "has admitted that the work of the expedition which entered after the Columbus raid is now over. But in spite of this fact American troops still remain on Mexican soil. To contend that political disorder in this country justifies this act of the American military forces is in conflict with the repeated professions of the Washington government relative to non-interference."

The note points out that much of the trouble in Mexico is due "to the attitude of the United States in not punishing conspirators in the United States who have plotted the downfall of the present constitutional government and to the acts of Washington in refusing to permit the shipment of arms and ammunition to enter Mexico."

### KING BROS. SHIP TRAIN LOAD OF CATTLE.

This morning 1,000 head of cattle, shipped by the King Bros., left this city over the C. H. & N. Railway for Texas, where they have been bought by the Lykes Brothers. It took twenty-five stock cars to hold these cattle, which made up the second train load shipped from this city this season by the King boys. The cattle season has opened, and from now on a large number of cows will leave Arcadia every week for the large markets.

Mrs. J. A. Barraclough, daughter of Rev. J. H. Derryberry, who has been visiting her parents for the last two months, left this morning for her home in Grand Junction, Col. She formed many warm acquaintances and friends while here, and she so loves Florida that she regrets to leave this lovely climate.

Dan Sheller, well known farmer and citrus grower of Joshua Creek, motored into town this morning and spent a few hours here visiting friends and transacting business.

Ed. Carnay, prominent farmer of Nocatee, spent a few hours here this morning transacting business.

## CIRCUIT CLERK A. L. DURRANCE

This Morning Received a Telegram From Secretary of State H. Clay Crawford, Authorizing Him to Place the Name of A. J. Angle On the Ballot As a Candidate for the Office of State Comptroller.

The secretary of state has ordered that the name of A. J. Angle be placed on the ballots as a candidate for state comptroller. It was found that Mr. Angle's expense statement had not been properly filed, and according to the "corrupt practice act" his name was ordered left off the ballots, but Mr. Angle has since made oath that this statement was mailed from Milton, Florida, last Friday, which would have given it reasonable time in which to reach Tallahassee before the time limit expired. The other candidates for this office now join in asking that Mr. Angle's name be placed on the ballot, and this morning Clerk A. L. Durrance received the following telegram:

Tallahassee, Fla., 10:40 a. m.  
A. L. Durrance, Clerk, Arcadia, Fla.  
Have satisfactory evidence that Angle mailed his statement of expense in ample time to have reached here within the limit prescribed by law, and all candidates for comptroller having joined in requesting me to place his name on the ticket, I hereby instruct you to place name of A. J. Angle on ticket as candidate for comptroller.  
H. CLAY CRAWFORD,  
Secretary of State.

### ST. LOUIS LIVE STOCK MARKET.

National Stock Yards, Ills., May 29.—The cattle market was slow today, and values were a big quarter lower than last week's high time.

**Killing cattle:** Choice to prime fat steers, \$8.75 to \$9.35; good to choice \$8.35 to \$8.85; medium to good \$7.75 to \$8.25; common to medium \$7.15 to \$7.85; canners \$4.25 to \$4.75; cutters \$5 to \$5.50; medium fat cows \$5.85 to \$6.40; fat cows \$6.40 to \$7.25; light bulls \$5.50 to \$6.25; heavy \$6.50 to \$7.50; yearlings \$4.50 to \$5.25; heifers \$5.75 to \$6.50; veal calves \$6 to \$11.

**Stock cattle:** Good to choice thin steers \$7 to \$7.50; medium to good \$6.25 to \$7; common to medium \$5.75 to \$6.25; common light yearlings \$5.25 to \$5.75; young cows \$5 to \$5.50; good quality heifers \$6 to \$6.50.

**Hog market:** 15 cents lower than Saturday, top \$9.75. Pig market dull and 25 to 40 cents lower. Bulk of the good hogs 150 pounds up \$6.45 to \$9.65; roughs \$9.25 to \$9.45; 120 to 140 pound pigs \$8.25 to \$9; light pigs \$7.25 to \$8.25.

### LADIES' AID SOCIETY OF PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

A very delightful meeting of the Ladies' Aid Society of the Presbyterian church was held at the home of Mrs. D. L. McSwain Tuesday, May 30th.

The meeting was called to order by the president, after which the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The roll was called and about twenty members responded. Mrs. Brady was welcomed into the society as a member. After a short business session and a very pleasant afternoon spent in sewing, the hostess served dainty refreshments consisting of pineapple ice, cake and punch. All members present report a very enjoyable time.

Luther Johnson, prominent attorney of Bartow, spent yesterday in this city attending to legal matters at the court house. He returned to his home on the afternoon train.

Gene Brannon, who is connected with the Scott Telephone Company, of this city, is spending today in Wauchula transacting business for the company he represents.

Miss Marie Lynch will entertain tonight at her home at a rook party, given in honor of her house guest, Miss Edith Lohr, of Gainesville.

A. M. Doyle, of Tampa, representing the Standard Oil Company, after spending the past two days in Arcadia, left this morning for points in the southern part of the county.

Miss Cynthia Hill, who has been taking normal work in Tallahassee at the State College, has returned home, and is attending the DeSoto Normal in Arcadia.