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A convention will be held at the court house next Monday night to nominate candidates for city officials. Let all who are interested in having only good men in office be on hand and see that only such are put up for candidates.

They all Talk Fair.

It has been the editor's privilege to meet a number of our prominent citizens lately, and without a single exception they favor DeSoto having an exhibit at the State Fair at Tampa this fall. Sheriff Freeman says he has talked with a good many people on the subject lately and that most of those who opposed an appropriation for an exhibit last year are now in favor of it for this year.

We trust our County Commissioners will bear in mind the condition of the roads and weather and not expect the people to get together to agree upon this matter. We find that the people are divided into classes, the one vigorously favoring an appropriation and the other with a lukewarm interest that is favorable, altho not yet aggressive.

We trust our commissioners will at their next meeting take the matter up and decide that DeSoto cannot afford to be left out. De Soto wants her share of prosperity the coming winter and we should not neglect the very best chance for advertisement that the year affords.

The people who deserve and get prosperity are those who advertise and work for it. The lazy and indifferent need not expect it.

Presbyterian Church.

Rev. H. Keigwin, state supply.
Services next Sunday at 11 and
Union Service at Methodist church
7:30 p. m.

Rally Day services will be observed in the Sunday school instead of the regular order of exercises.

A cordial invitation is given to every scholar who has ever been connected with the school to be present on this occasion.

A beautiful celluloid button, bearing scripture mottoes and scenes will be given to every scholar in attendance as a souvenir of the occasion. Parents of the children are especially invited.

The Ladies Aid Society will hold an ice cream entertainment next Tuesday night in one of the new buildings in the Morqus block. Proceeds to assist in painting the church. Every one cordially invited, old, young and middle-aged.

Mrs. W. A. Brown Dead.

The many friends of Mrs. Ollie Puckett Brown will learn with sorrow of her death that occurred at her home in Arcadia on last Friday afternoon. Mrs. Brown had been ailing for some months but no one anticipated her death, which came therefore as a great shock to her friends and relatives throughout DeSoto county. Cut down in the prime of womanhood we cannot understand this death which took from her family a devoted wife and mother, a kind neighbor and much loved daughter and sister.

Funeral services were held at the Baptist church on Saturday

afternoon. Rev. H. E. Carlton officiating, and burial at the Arcadia cemetery.

Mrs. Brown leaves a husband, four children, one a babe of less than a week, father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Pearce, and a number of brothers and sisters to mourn her loss. She was a consistent member of the Baptist church and a loyal truehearted woman, who will be greatly missed.

The heavy rainfall of the past few weeks has made the little streams into wide, deep rivers. Frank Horton and party returning from a camp hunt at the lakes at night Sunday last instead of striking the bridge at Joshua Creek drove, in the darkness into the water beside it, and the whole party carriage and all got a ducking. They cut the horses loose and rescued themselves, but doubtless it is an experience they will not care to repeat.

Florida State Fair.

To date, although the work has been under way little over a month, a total of seventeen counties have been enrolled in the State Fair movement, these counties having appointed commissioners to collect products for exhibition, and made appropriations to enable the commissioners to collect such products. Assurances have been received that at least ten other counties will enter the movement at the next regular meeting of the county commissioners. With these additions there will be represented at the Fair a much larger number of counties than ever before participated in any southern states fair, and a very pleasing feature is that the counties represent every section of the state, thereby guaranteeing an even greater diversity of products that were represented at the Fair last year. Counties that have never before interested themselves in Florida Fairs, owing to the success achieved last year, have entered the movement with a most commendable degree of enthusiasm, which will result to their benefit and that of the state at large.

Since the work of advertising Florida and the coming State Fair began little more than a month ago, between 8,000 and 10,000 letters have been sent to prospective settlers in every section of the United States, these letters being sent out by the Fair Association and the industrial departments of the great railway systems interested. President T. J. L. Brown of the Fair Association has received between 3,000 and 5,000 replies from people who are desirous of attending the Fair and learning of the resources of Florida, and it is evident that the attendance of home-seekers from other states will be even larger than that of last year. During the coming week the Fair Association will send to the states of the northwest and east a total of 20,000 attractive advertising pamphlets calling attention to the Fair and advertising every section of Florida. The railroads are also sending out thousands of attractive advertising pamphlets, and will send special agents to the northwest to call attention to the extremely low rates offered in honor of the Fair and bring settlers to Florida. Every man and every woman having a friend in other states should write and tell them of the Fair and Florida's superb advantages.

If you want to know the meaning of the RED and GREEN lights, ask a railway official; he will probably tell you, that they mean, Look out! there is more coming! But if you want to know what is coming, "Ask the man" At the ARCADIA DRUG STORE.

Inside Information!

New York dressers are making a stampede for Blacks and Blues. This is the Blue Serge season July and August will be the great months for these two solids, the Blues and Blacks. We have the goods and they are the properest ever

Yours truly,

Perry C. Brown.

Arcadia, Florida.

The Arcadia Hardware Co.

THE ARCADIA HARDWARE COMPANY'S store is now located in their permanent quarters in the Owen Parker Brick Building. They are fast getting their stock on display and will serve you to anything you want.

Their stock is now practically complete, though goods are coming in daily. They have just received a Car Load of **Economist Stoves and Ranges**, a Car Load of **Hay Presses**, a Car Load of **Mowers and Rakes**, a Car Load of **American Fence**, a Large and Complete Line of **Furniture, Rugs, Mattings**, Celebrated **"Blue Diamond" Enamel Ware, Gas and Gasoline Stoves**. A Full and Complete Line of **Hardware, Paints and Oils, Wagons and Buggies**.

They invite you to call on them. They are elegantly located and are fast getting in show shape.

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