

**IMPROVEMENTS**  
Punta Gorda is an up to date town, having more improvements than many much larger

# The Punta Gorda Herald

**POPULATION**  
Punta Gorda's population increased 28 percent during 10 years. Population 1920, 1,295

Punta Gorda, in Tropical Southwest Florida, is Advantageously Located on Charlotte Harbor, One of the Largest Land-Locked Bays on the Gulf of Mexico, and is a Town with a Bright Future, Commercially and Agriculturally

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## CITIZENS' MEETING ENDORSED MAYOR FOR ANOTHER TERM

Candidates for All Other Town Offices  
Selected Tuesday—Contest for  
Marshal's Office.

Candidates for all town offices, to be elected at the regular town election on November 23rd, were selected at a mass meeting of citizens on Tuesday night, thirty or forty people, the number being about equally divided as to sex, being present.

Mayor J. N. Sikes called the meeting to order and was chosen chairman, M. C. Price being appointed secretary.

Mayor being first in the list of those to be nominated, the present mayor was nominated for another term. Mr. Sikes rose to remonstrate, pointing out that he had held the office for one term and stating that he thought that was enough and that someone else should serve for the coming year. He asked Col. Hancock, who nominated him, to withdraw the nomination, but this the colonel declined to do until a rising vote to determine the sentiment of those present could be taken. Upon putting the question, asking all who wanted the mayor to serve for another term to rise to their feet, every man and woman in the hall rose. "Your motion is carried," said the mayor.

Nominations for council were next in order, three vacancies occurring this year. Four candidates were chosen as follows: T. C. Crosland, C. W. Hewitt, T. P. Douglas, H. R. Dreggers.

L. E. Robinson was nominated for the office of clerk-collector-assessor.

Two candidates for marshal were nominated—J. H. Lipscomb, the present incumbent, and A. C. Caldwell—and the contest between them promises to be close and will likely bring out an unusually large number of voters. Mr. Lipscomb has held the position for many years, during which time he has made many friends who believe that he has made good and will be active in his behalf. On the other hand, while never having held a town office and not being so well known, Mr. Caldwell has many friends who believe that he would make a good officer and there seems to be an impression that he will get a larger share of the women's votes than Mr. Lipscomb.

T. S. Griggs, present incumbent of the treasurer's office, was re-nominated for another term.

### To Bond for Trail.

The Dade county commissioners have agreed to call a bond election to submit to the electorate of special road district No. 2 the question of issuing \$75,000 in highway bonds for completing the Tamiami Trail and the road on the bank of the Pennsylvania Sugar Company's plant provided, however, that the petition is signed by 25 per cent of the electorate. There is no question but many more names can be placed on such a petition, as all realize that these two are the most important roads to be built in the county. Just

at present the Tamiami Trail is of the greatest importance, as it will open a vast amount of valuable land which the road built and the drainage canal completed for settlement. This is a cross country road, leading from Fort Myers, Tampa, etc., passing directly through the heart of the great Everglades. When this road is completed, it will be the most popular road for tourists in the state of Florida, and the rich lands on either side of the trail will be rapidly taken up by permanent settlers. Sugar cane farms, cattle ranches and general farming will soon follow.

## URGES DEMOCRATS TO SUPPORT THE PARTY'S NOMINEE

County Chairman Gramling Issues  
Statement Urging Democrats to  
Support Durrence.

Democrats of DeSoto county are urged to support A. L. Durrence, regular nominee of the party for clerk of the circuit court, who will have as an opponent in the general election Mrs. P. B. Frizzell, independent, in a statement issued by W. R. Gramling, chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee of DeSoto county, Tuesday.

The statement, addressed "to the Democratic voters of DeSoto county," follows:

"I desire to call your attention to the fact that only one nominee of the party for county office has opposition at the general election, November 23rd. A. L. Durrence, clerk of the circuit court, is the Democratic nominee and as such, I am certain, receive the solid Democratic vote, but allow me to urge all Democrats to support him not only with their votes but with their influence also, that he may have a large majority, that will be of lasting good to the Democratic party.—W. R. Gramling, Chairman, Democratic Executive Committee of DeSoto county."

### Women Must Register.

All citizens, men and women, who want to vote in the town election on November 23rd, must be registered in the town registration books. Many women, as well as others, who registered in the county registration books, are under the impression that this entitles them to vote in the town election. This is not the case. All who vote in the town election must go to the town hall and apply to City Clerk Robinson to be registered in the town books. The town registration books will open Wednesday, November 3rd and will remain open for 10 days. It will not be necessary for those who have previously registered in the town books to register again.

## REBUILDING DOCK

Contract Let and Work Was Started  
Yesterday Morning.

The contract for re-building the city dock for a distance of 1,300 feet has been let to John Olson for \$2,300 and he started driving the new piling Wednesday morning. According to Mr. Olson it will take three months to complete the job, but fishing on the dock will not be seriously interfered with.

The dock is to be rebuilt seven feet wide for a distance of 1,300 feet. New piling, concreted to a point above the average high tide, will be driven, making the structure semi-permanent and less expensive to maintain. The present dock is 14 feet in width and, it is said, has proved very expensive to keep in repair. By reducing the width to seven feet the cost of maintenance will be reduced considerably. The floor will be reinforced by plank "ribbons" running crosswise of the flooring, which will reduce vibration to a minimum and further lengthen the life of the structure.

The Chamber of Commerce in Jacksonville is warning merchants against the usual influx of "advertising" schemes, who always have some smooth proposition to make and usually succeed in landing the otherwise cautious business man.

New building in St. Petersburg this year passed the \$2,000,000 mark, when permits were issued for four new bungalows and garages to cost \$20,000 all to be erected by the Sherman Rowles Realty Company.

C. C. Carlton, leading fruit grower, opened the local packing house Tuesday, and put a force of men to work picking and packing the grape-fruit from the Dave Yeoman's grove.

## TICKET LONG AND CONFUSING; VOTERS SHOULD STUDY IT

Voters Should Memorize Names of  
Presidential Electors, Before  
Going to Polls.

The ballot for next Tuesday's election contains so many names and is so long that it will doubtless be printed in double columns. It will contain the usual official heading, beneath which will appear this instruction:

"Make a cross-mark (X) BEFORE (to the left of) the name of the candidate of your choice and before the word 'Yes' or 'No' under the constitutional amendment (at the bottom voters."

Then will follow the names of the candidates arranged in alphabetical order and not according to their politics, a fact that should be carefully borne in mind.

The name of Cox, Harding and other presidential candidates will not appear on the ballots. Instead, each party will have on the ticket the names of six electors. There are five tickets in the field in this state: democratic, republican (regular), republican (illy white), prohibition and socialist. This would make 30 names but since James W. Archibald was named by both republican factions there will be but 29. They will be arranged alphabetically and democrats wishing to vote for Cox must vote for all six democratic electors. There will be nothing on the ticket to show who they are and they do not appear together, but mixed up with the other electors.

In order that democrats, as well as persons of other parties, may familiarize themselves with the names of the electors on their ticket, so as to vote for the person of their choice, they have been grouped as shown below. Remember that they will not be grouped on the ticket and that the law forbids taking a memorandum into the polling place—so learn your electors by heart.

The list:  
**COX: DEMOCRATS.**  
P. W. CORR. M. CARABELLO.  
CHAS. E. JONES. W. V. KNOTT.  
J. G. SHARON. G. B. WELLS.  
**HARDING: REPUBLICAN.**  
(Regulars)  
J. ARCHIBALD. E. BRELSFORD  
LELAND CHUBB. F. F. H. POPE.  
D. G. SMITH. G. P. WENTWORTH.  
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## PREPARING FOR REVIVAL

Dr. Andrew Johnson to Conduct  
Evangelistic Campaign.

The pastor and people of the Methodist church are making preparations for the evangelistic campaign which is to begin Sunday, November seventh. Dr. Andrew Johnson, of Wilmore, Kentucky, and Prof. M. V. Lewis, song evangelist, of North Carolina, will be in charge of this great campaign.

The pastor and the committee on cottage prayer meetings met at the church Tuesday night and arranged a program for a series of cottage prayer meetings to be held at homes in different sections of the town. There will be about 20 of these meetings held previous to the arrival of the evangelists.

Meetings will be held Friday night of this week at the following homes: Col. Hancock's, Mr. Douglas', Mrs. Meadows', Prof. Riley's, Mr. Carlton's and Mr. Mason's, at Cleveland.

All the friends and neighbors of these people are invited to attend the meeting nearest to them.

More than a million tons of phosphate have been shipped from the port of Tampa in the first three-quarters of 1920. According to the figures compiled by C. S. Hoskins, traffic manager of the board of trade, the total for the past nine months is 3,934,081 tons.

By utilization of the tannic acid of the saw palmetto and other common plants of Florida, Thomas Gill of Crystal Springs has discovered a new process for the tanning of hides. Mr. Gill has applied for a patent on the process.

The Bank of Groveland, through the Stirring Stock Farm Company, recently distributed sixty pure bred Duroc Jersey sows to the farmers of that section in order to promote the raising of better hogs.

When a fleet of government cargo ships were put on the market recently, the Pensacola Steamship Company paid \$5,916,000 for four steel vessels.

## AGREEMENT WORKS HARDSHIP ON THIS SECTION OF STATE

Committee's Report Says Coast Is Being  
Robbed as Result of Gentleman's Agreement.

The people of southwestern Florida have paid hundreds of thousands of dollars since 1907 to the two leading railroad companies of the state and the growth of this section has been materially retarded because of a "gentleman's agreement" entered into by these two railroads, which resulted in a shifting of traffic, many miles outside the line of least resistance and shortest distance. This in substance, is the gist of the report of Francis W. Perry, A. L. White and L. A. Whitney, who represented Fort Myers at the west coast short route conference at Tallahassee October 15th, made to their Board of Trade recently.

Senator F. M. Cooper, who represented Punta Gorda at the Tallahassee conference, has not returned, and in the absence of any report from him the report of the Fort Myers committee is published as information of interest to Punta Gorda people. Following is their report:

In the war between the two large railroad systems which controlled the traffic in the main part of Florida, one of the systems early in 1907 had purchased a right-of-way from Monticello, Florida, to Perry, Taylor County, Florida, and the other system had practically constructed a road from Tallahassee to Perry, Florida.

In April 1907 the last mentioned system had completed its road bed, laid its rails about eight and three-fourths miles South of Aucilla River, and had rails, frogs and switches on the ground with ties laid, for the most part, to complete the line into Perry, Florida.

On or about April 20, 1907, the construction engineer received a letter from headquarters ordering him to take up rails and other materials not permanently fixed, and stop work and remove materials not permanently laid down. A suit was later instituted by the contractor for loss and damage for the failure of the Company to permit him to complete his contract. It was brought out in the suit that with the expenditure of approximately \$6,000.00 within ten days time, the rails would have been laid and the line completed. The (Continued on second page)

## HOW TO VOTE

Judge Answers Questions Relative to  
Manner of Voting

County Judge Fish of Manatee has answered the following questions relative to the manner of voting, for the Manatee River Journal. It is passed along for the benefit of readers who are doubtful as to the manner of exercising their right to vote.

Q. When one goes to the poles to vote what do they do?

A. First give your name to one of the inspectors of election, who will then see if you registered, and if properly registered and qualified to vote, they will give you a ticket, which you should take and go to one of the booths and mark a cross X before the name of each candidate you wish to vote for, after thus marking your ticket you fold it so that the stub upon the ballot can be torn off without disclosing the face of the ballot; then you take the ticket to the inspector who tears off the stub, and hands the ticket back to you and then you put the ticket in the ballot box and depart from the poll by another door.

Q. How long a time is a voter allowed to stay in the booth to mark the ticket?

A. Only five minutes.

Q. Can a voter take a ticket out of the polling place?

A. No.

Q. If a voter tears or mutilates a ticket can they get another?

A. Yes, they return the torn or mutilated ticket to the inspectors and receive another ticket.

Q. How many tickets can they get from the inspectors in this way?

A. They may get up to three ballots but no more.

Q. If a ticket is torn or mutilated can it be taken out of the polling place?

A. No, it must be returned to the inspectors.

Q. Do the names of the party nominees for president appear upon the ballot?

A. No, only the names of the presidential electors.

Q. How do we know for whom we are voting for president?

A. You must know the names of the presidential electors who represent the party you wish to vote for

and put a X before the name of each one.

Q. Do the names of the presidential electors of each party appear upon the ballot in a group together?

A. No, the names of all the presidential electors (29 named in this election) appear alphabetically upon the ticket and you are entitled to vote for only six of them.

Q. If a voter only votes for three or four names of the presidential electors will the vote be counted?

A. Yes, the vote will be counted for the names of those voted for provide six or less are marked.

## 9 CANDIDATES FOR CHARTER BOARD SELECTED MONDAY

Five Receiving Highest Number of  
Votes Will Compose Board—All  
in Favor of Manager.

About thirty advocates of the commission-manager form of government met Monday night to nominate pro-manager candidates for membership on the municipal charter board to be elected at the regular town election November 23rd for the purpose of amending the town's charter.

Good feeling was evident throughout the meeting and all present seemed to be interested more in selecting the persons best qualified than in putting forward their personal friends as candidates.

Twelve names, altogether, were placed in nomination, but three of this number, for one reason or another, declined nomination. Those nominated were W. H. Johnson, Dr. B. B. Blount, R. K. Seward, H. R. Dreggers, Dr. H. G. Grunwell, W. M. Whitten, Mrs. M. A. McAdow, C. C. Carleton and L. Oliver.

More candidates than the number to be elected were nominated because it was anticipated that some might withdraw and because a larger number will give those who did not participate in the meeting a chance to exercise their preferences at the election, insuring a majority choice if five of this number are selected.

The charter board will be composed of five members and five candidates receiving the highest number of votes, regardless of the number on the ticket, will be declared elected.

All of these nominated at the meeting Monday night favor amendment of the charter to provide for re-organization of the town government to provide for a commission and a manager to function under the commission and if the board, as elected, is composed of a majority of the above-named candidates the charter will be so amended.

So far as known there is no organized opposition to the proposed change.

## CAMP GROUND IS READY

Site Prepared by Civic Association is  
an Ideal One.

The free camping ground for tourists is now ready. It is located on the north side of the avenue in the grove of young pine trees on the opposite side of the avenue from the cottages of Octave and Fred Bell. The ground has been cleared of all stumps and undergrowth and made easily accessible to automobiles by turn-outs from the avenue. Four large platforms for tents have been built and rustic seats placed between the pines. There are also separate toilets for men and women, and a well provided with a pump that gives good drinking water. A large nitrogen (electric) lamp furnishes ample light for the entire camp. In a word, everything has been done to make the camp convenient and comfortable.

The bay is in plain sight, less than two hundred feet distant, its glistening waters inviting the occupants of the camp to bathe or fish to their hearts' content.

The ladies of the Civic Improvement Association deserve all credit for their enterprise and public spirit for providing this ideal camping site and its conveniences.

The National hotel at Cleveland will open for the season November first and will receive guests until May first. C. C. Cleveland will manage this popular hostelry again this season. During the summer electric lights and other modern conveniences were installed and the place was thoroughly renovated and treated to a coating of paint.

The Peace River W. M. U. will meet in the Union Baptist Church at Lilly on the afternoon of the fifth Sunday of October.

## AMENDMENT AGAIN ENDORSED BY THE HIGHWAYS ASS'N

Central Florida Highways Association  
Urges Floridians to Vote for  
Proposed Amendment.

Whereas, the State of Florida has reached that state of development where the momentum of progress can be greatly increased by the further immediate prosperity and co-ordination of the entire commonwealth and the joining together of its vast resources and making more easily accessible its many and varied attractions, and

Whereas, Federal census reports show greater population increases, greater agricultural yields, greater development and more general prosperity and progress in the counties and sections which have provided the best and most complete systems of transportation, and

Whereas, the wonderful prosperity of Florida has been brought about since the construction of the first permanent thru highways reaching those valuable heretofore undeveloped resources of this state, and

Whereas, it is conceded by those who previously opposed road building that the one greatest need for Florida to make it what it is destined to be is the early completion of a thru system of State highways connecting every section of the state with every other section, such as has already been proposed by the State Road Department, and

Whereas, the State Legislature of 1919 has submitted to the voters of Florida an amendment to the constitution which will permit the issuing of bonds, the total aggregate amount of which shall not exceed 5 per cent of the total assessed valuation of taxable property within the State, for the purpose of building, acquiring and maintaining a thru system of state highways for Florida.

Therefore be it resolved, by the Central Florida Highway Association That we reiterate our former endorsement, reapprove the platform adopted by the directors of this association on July 6, 1920, and call upon the voters of this state to provide for a thru state system of highways, and

Be it further resolved, that we urge upon every loyal Floridian the importance of continuing road construction in this state and urge them to vote YES for the constitutional amendment at the general election on November 2nd, 1920, and place this great state in the progressive column of commonwealths of the United States of America.

Adopted the 4th day of October, 1920, by the Central Florida Highway Association, in regular meeting at Orlando, Florida.

### O. E. S. Meeting.

There will be a called meeting of the local chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, Friday night, October 29th, at 7:30 prompt. Special business on hand. All members urged to be present.

Oldsmar recently let a contract for new school building to cost \$10,000.

## MICKIE SAYS

EVERY WUNST IN A WHILE  
SOME FELLER DRAGS IN A  
NEWSPAPER CLIPPING TWO OR  
THREE YARDS LONG AT NOBODY  
GIVES A WHOP ABOUT ONLY  
HISSELF 'N THEN HE GOES OFF  
MAAD BECUZ WE WONT PRINT  
IT! HOLY SMOKE! WEVE  
GOTTA PUT STUFF IN THE  
PAPER AT EVERYBODY IS  
INTERESTED IN—ER WED  
SOON BE ALL OUTA LUCK 'N  
SUBSCRIBERS 'N MONEY 'N  
EVERYTHING!



## HOME FOLK



The Tramp Isn't So Common a Sight in the Small Towns as He Used to be. What with Food so High and village cops Hardbolder than Ever. Time was when he could Panhandle a Feed and a Shot of Hootch in an Hour and Spend the Day Pleasantly Snoozing down by the Water Tank, but not No More.