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ONE OF OUR LEADING BUILDERS AND HIS BEAUTIFUL HOME

There isn't a town or city in the state of Florida that is not indebted to some public-spirited, optimistic citizen for the building activities that gave an impetus to its growth. From Jacksonville to Key West on the East Coast and from Pensacola to Fort Myers on the West Coast, our statement is borne out by the great hotels, winter residences and manufacturing institutions, occupying sites that a few years ago were grown up to pine and palmetto, hammock and sawgrass. The East Coast has its Flagger, with his keen intellect and far-seeing vision. His faith in our superb climate, his tenacity of purpose and his almost unlimited means resulted in the magic growth of Miami, springing up of palatial hotels, the cultivation of thousands of acres of land previously considered worthless and the building of the Overseas railroad to Key West—a fitting climax to his dreams.

The West Coast had its Plant and its Ybor, also men of vision who backed their vision with their money, resulting in the growth of the largest cigar manufacturing center in the world and the conversion of the small village of Tampa into a pretentious city, teeming with life and business activity.

And so it goes throughout the entire state—only every town was not fortunate enough to possess men commanding large fortunes with which to back their judgment.

So much for generalities. Now, to deal with our own home town. Many of our readers will ask, "to whom is Avon Park indebted for any great amount of building?"

Let us see: Saturday we took a short ride through the town with H. E. Coy. As we passed residence after residence—some of them new and others a decade or two old—we would naturally inquire as to who were the occupants and whom the builder and we found by telling our count, that Mr. Coy had demonstrated his faith in Avon Park by erecting sixteen homes here.

Mr. Coy came here nearly twenty years ago—in the year 1900—from Rochester, N. Y. After viewing the tall pine trees growing in our rich, yellow sand, underlaid with clay, and drinking in the natural beauty of the country, he decided that some time these Scenic Highlands would become the Mecca of Florida and he began to plan accordingly. He acquired land, set orange groves and built houses. The first house he erected was the one at the corner of Pleasant street and Lake avenue, now occupied by T. J. McGinnis. The Fagon house was his next venture, after which he built nearly all the homes in Block 3. He then acquired a part of Block 5 and has since purchased the remainder, erecting thereon the residences occupied by J. R. Gaine, Phil Lacy, R. C. Peterson, F. M. Smith and Wesley Yonce, the latter having recently arrived here from South Carolina, engaging in the sawmill business.

Two of Mr. Coy's latest building ventures are those neat cottages on West Verona avenue. These cottages, modern in every respect, were built to accommodate tourists desiring to spend the winter in Avon Park and were planned to accommodate two families each, so that neither family would be compelled to encroach upon the rights or privileges of the other, each having the conveniences of electric lights, running water and bath.

The architecture of these two cottages is most pleasing, adding greatly to the appearance of that section of the town.

After looking over the Coy subdivision we were taken to Mr. Coy's home on Lake Tulane—Forest Lawn. Here a beautiful sight awaited our view. Mr. Coy's modern home overlooking the lake was built seven years ago. The grounds upon which the residence stands slope gently to the water's edge and have been beautified with roses, plants, flowers and tropical shrubs, which show the care of loving hands and a nature appreciative of the gifts bestowed upon us by an All-Wise Creator. With-out any adornment other than that provided by Nature, Mr. Coy's homesite would be a beautiful one, but with the additions provided by people of Mr. and Mrs. Coy's artistic taste, the word "beautiful" but mildly expresses the sentiment of the beholder.

Mr. and Mrs. Coy's home, although located in what might properly be termed the suburbs, is modern in every respect, for he has installed a gas lighting system, and running water for household use and the bath, our mild winter eliminating the necessity of furnace or steam heating apparatus.

One of the chief attractions of this modern home is the beautiful body of water which it overlooks and the 1,300 feet of lovely beach, the water graduating in depth over a sandy bottom, affording splendid bathing facilities that are safe and enjoyable. Lake Tulane is about one and one-half miles wide at this point and our prevailing southeast summer breezes insure the occupants of the house a cool and inviting retreat upon the verandas facing the lake. When the colder northwest winds of winter come (and we sometimes have winds that are quite cold) protection is afforded by the natural growth of pine and oak covering the grounds in the rear of the home. Mr. Coy is such a lover of nature's effects that he has never planted these grounds to grove, although they are splendidly adapted to citrus fruits. Of course, he has fruits for his family use—the orange, tangerine, grapefruit, commercial citron and other trees of the citrus family testifying to the fertility and adaptability of the soil.

It would take a writer with a better command of English than we possess to paint a word picture of Forest Lawn that would do justice to the subject, therefore we will make no further attempt, but will conclude with the remark that we believe that H. E. Coy has done more for Avon Park in the way of home building than any other man and that he is entitled to a vote of thanks from the community and the hearty cooperation of our town officials in placing the streets through his subdivision in such a condition that loads of lumber and other materials may be hauled over them in order that he may continue the good work.

Red Cross Xmas Seals

Although the drive for the sale of Red Cross Christmas Seals began Dec. 1, the local chapter did not receive their seals until yesterday. DeSoto county's quota is \$5,000 and 70 per cent of the money realized from the sale of these seals will be used in this county in the war being waged against tuberculosis. Avon Park people, we feel sure, will respond with their usual generosity when called upon by those having the drive in charge.

COUNTY HAD FINE EXHIBIT AT STATE FAIR

All day and all night, the crowds are entering the large building set aside for the exhibits of the various counties at the state fair and there is so much of interest to see and such fine displays have been made that the visitors are in no hurry to leave the building nor is there any rushing along the aisles as if intending to do this feature of the fair in about seven or eight minutes.

The generous and high class display made at the DeSoto county booth is coming in for great admiration and praise. County Agent Tillman being in charge. The several pyramids of oranges, all selected fruits, are like golden beacons, while the many boxes and crates of citrus fruits show not only variety but the very highest quality. In the background on a shelf at about the height of the head of the visitor is a long row of luscious pineapples, the smooth Cayenne variety, that gives an indication of what can be done in this county in raising this always greatly desired fruit. Napier grass, the new stock feed, is shown in various stages of growth. It is of rapid development and a wonderful crop for cattle. As arranged, it also adds to the decorative scheme at this booth, where big stalks of cane in the background add immensely to the beauty. County Home Demonstrator Mrs. Annie Campbell is being busily engaged in assisting in presenting the great agricultural claims made by this county.

Times-Union.

Large Guava

We have on our table a guava grown by A. Boraff that measures 9 inches in circumference one way and 10 3/4 inches the other. It is the largest guava we ever saw and speaks well for the productivity of Avon Park soil.

EIGHTY-ONE YEARS YOUNG

If David, the sweet singer of old, were living and singing his wonderful Psalms now, cannot we imagine him singing that oft-quoted verse: "The days of our years are three score years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore yet is their strength labour and sorrow"—unless we live in Florida.

A company last Monday that included ever so many who had reached and overstepped the four score mark, all of them so bright and active, so thoroughly up to date, so interested in the present instead of living over their youth, as tradition would have them doing, full of the joy of living themselves, and by their keen observations, their boundless reminiscences, their philosophy of life evolved from many years of personal experience, adding to the joy of all with whom they come in contact, very forcibly suggested the idea expressed above, without any thought of irreverence.

December first is the natal day of Mrs. Minerva Rae, mother of Capt. Frank C. Rae and Mrs. Norton Smith, and Mrs. Smith, in their spacious apartments in the Masonic Temple, gave a thimble party in honor of the 81st anniversary of the event.

The affair served also as a home coming for the regular winter residents who have been arriving in numbers by auto and by train for the last week or two, and those who arrived early at Mrs. Smith's home witnessed the warm and hearty

FLORIDA CROP VALUE AROUND \$115,000,000

More Than 200 Varieties of Farm, Garden and Grove Products Raised In State

Some very interesting statistics were read recently by Comptroller Ernest Amos. Few people realize the real position occupied by Florida as an agricultural state, and the figures presented by Mr. Amos will be an eye-opener to the average citizen, even those who keep up fairly well with matters of this kind. The following summary is for the crops of 1918:

Corn—13,000,000 bushels.
Sweet potatoes—4,054,000 bushels.
White potatoes—2,218,000 bushels.
Oranges and grapefruit—8,407,680 boxes.

Sugar cane syrup—120,000 barrels.
Cabbage—4,222 crates.
Tomatoes—400,800 crates.
Oats—50,000 bushels.
Watermelons—6,400 cars.

Cucumbers—203,150 crates.
Cantaloupes—85,000 crates.
Snap beans—602,000 crates.
Strawberries—640,000 crates.
Pecans—10,110,000 pounds.
Peanuts—3,200,000 bushels.

Tobacco—Open field culture, 1,225,000 pounds.
Tobacco—Grown under shade, 2,850,000 pounds.

Velvet beans—1,250,000 bushels.
Lettuce—1,115,000 crates.
Celery—1,351,200 crates.
Peppers—162,000 crates.

Sea Island cotton—26,000 bales.
Cocoas—181,000 bushels.
Eggs—16,500,000 dozen.
Poultry—1,750,000; value \$1,000,000.
Milk—15,000,000 gallons; value \$5,000,000.

Butter—2,000,000 pounds; value \$800,000.
Our naval stores are generally estimated at \$25,000,000.
Our phosphate is estimated at \$10,000,000.

Sponge industry, \$1,000,000.
Honey—800,000 pounds.
Florida produces more than 200 different farm, garden and grove products; ships 55,000 cars of fruit and vegetables per annum. Her total crop value is about \$115,000,000.

Florida has 1,000,000 cattle; value, \$85,000,000.
Florida has 800,000 hogs; value, \$21,000,000.
Horses and mules, value \$20,000,000.

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HUNTING SEASON OPENED NOV. 20 SYNOPSIS OF FLORIDA GAME LAWS

BIG CATTLE COMPANY HAS 80,000 ACRES

Punta Gorda and Tampa Capitalists Incorporate and Will Engage In Raising Cattle

A charter has been granted to the Koon Cattle Co., a Punta Gorda corporation, the general nature of whose business will be that of breeding, rearing and buying and dealing in cattle and livestock. The corporation is capitalized at \$100,000. W. L. Koon is president and general manager; H. T. Lykes, vice-president, and C. M. Carrier, secretary and treasurer. Mr. Lykes is a well known Tampaian with extensive cattle interests in Cuba. Mr. Koon and Mr. Carrier are Punta Gordians, the former having been identified with the cattle business of this section for more than twenty years and the latter being a capitalist formerly interested in ranching in Cuba.

Already 80,000 acres of fenced pastureage has been acquired by the company. Systematic dipping of cattle will be carried on to keep down the ticks, and within about approved time looking to the improvement of the grade of native cattle by the introduction of blooded stock from other sections. Amongst the first purchased animals procured for this purpose are several fine Indian Brahmas bulls.

Well planned experiments in the growing of various foreign grasses are to be carried out. While initial plantings will be on a small scale, these will permit of determining just what grasses will do best in the larger plantings that will naturally follow. Twenty acres will be devoted at first to the experimental plantings. The company will also plant a considerable acreage in sugar cane to be made up into syrup.

To Punta Gorda the Koon Cattle Co. should prove of considerable value as also to this entire southern part of DeSoto county, for in the initial plans of the company there is what promises to develop an increased interest in the extermination of the cattle tick, the raising of better breeds of cattle and the growing of pasture grasses, in which lie the future of the cattle and stock raising industries.

The hunting season opened two weeks ago and we intended publishing a synopsis of the game laws in last week's issue, but they were crowded out. For the benefit of those who may not be familiar with the Florida laws, we are giving a brief outline of them as follows:

The title to all wild birds and game is invested in the various counties of the state.

The following only are game birds: Swan, geese, brant, ducks, rail, coots, mud hens, gallinules, shore birds, plovers, surf birds, snipe, woodcocks, sand pipers, tattlers, curlews, turnkeys, grouse, pheasants, quail and turtle doves.

It is a \$50 fine to catch, kill or ship or have in possession any game bird, plumage, skin, eggs or nests thereof except as provided by law.

Open season, Nov. 20th to March 1st, following for deer, squirrels, wild turkey, quail, doves, swan, geese, brant, rail, coots, sand pipers, curlews, snipe, ducks and plovers. Unlawful to kill squirrels in any public or private park at any time. November, pheasants and grouse.

Fine of \$25 to kill mud hens, gallinules, limicolts, commonly known as shore birds, surf birds and woodcocks at any time.

It is a \$25 fine to catch, hunt or kill any game bird or animal between dark and daylight the following day.

It is a fine to kill more than one deer, two turkeys, twenty quail or twenty-five birds of any other species in any one day. It is a \$500 fine to kill more than three deer, ten turkeys or 500 of any other game bird species in one open season.

It is a \$25 fine to barter, sell or offer for sale any game bird or animal.

It is a \$100 fine to hunt outside of your voting precinct without a license; a \$25 fine to change or alter a license.

It is a \$25 fine to transport within or without this state any game without a proper license. It is a \$100 fine for any common carrier to receive such game for transportation.

The witnesses furnishing evidence to convict for any violation of the game laws shall have half of the fine imposed.

Persons residing in the state 12 months and a bona fide resident of the county, may, on payment of \$1 to the county judge, receive a "Resident County License" for \$1 and a "Non-resident County License" for \$15. No license good except in county issued. No license required of resident Confederate veterans.

County judge to have 25c, 50c, and \$1, respectively, for each license issued. Balance goes to county school fund.

All grades of licenses shall be of different color, contain a synopsis of the game law printed on the back, and shall be good only for the open season or fraction thereof immediately following their issue.

James Whidden Killed

James "Dick" Whidden, son of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Whidden, was accidentally killed Thursday morning last aboard the dredge South Carolina, which is working in the Caloosahatchee canal below Lake Hopewatch. The young man was working out of his regular shift at the time and it is thought he slipped and fell onto a belt that threw him into the cog gears that crushed him. The body was taken to the old family burial ground from the Whidden family that lies out from Arcadia. The boy was well known all through DeSoto county and leaves countless friends and relatives to regret his loss.—Moore Haven Times.

An Avon Park Product

C. E. Bryant on Monday presented The Herald with an egg plant weighing five and a half pounds. It is the largest one we have ever seen and we do not see how the plant on which it grew sustained its weight. Mr. Bryant's brother, G. L. Bryant, grew it on his farm near Avon Park, and it was previously on display on A. P. Hatch's grocery, corner King street and Marian avenue. It was grown without fertilizer and was of fine color and good eating quality.—Punta Gorda Herald.

APPLY NOW FOR 1920 AUTO TAGS

To the other expenses of the owner of a motor car now comes the annual contribution for a license which according to the state comptroller may be had upon application. There is a certain form which must accompany the license fee and all questions must be correctly answered before tags will be issued. Supply of these forms is in the Tax Collector's office, Arcadia. Rates vary according to horsepower and passenger carrying capacity and it is really some stunt to know which applies to you. Read your application blank carefully.

Will Build Bungalows

Wesley Yonce, who has recently moved here from South Carolina, has purchased three villa lots on the Ridge through the P. M. Stivender agency and will erect seven or eight bungalows thereon for rent and for sale. Avon Park is badly in need of more homes and Mr. Yonce has taken a wise business step. There is no question as to the future growth of our beautiful little city and those who acquire property and build now will reap the benefits in a very short time.

Supper and Bazaar

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Congregational church will hold a supper and bazaar in the church parlors next Thursday evening, to which the public is cordially invited.



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LOCAL AND PERSONAL MENTION

A. M. Gidwin, of Sebring, visited Avon Park Monday afternoon.

Dave Thomas and daughter Liza were in from the lower Kissimmee Valley Saturday.

J. P. Bryan has purchased a half interest in Sapp's barber shop. He is from Wauchula and comes here highly recommended.

Mrs. L. Blanks has recently returned from New Orleans and Southwest Louisiana, after an absence of seven months.

Dave Skipper and Elmer Albritten have returned from a ten days' hunt in Lee county. As testimony of their skill they brought back some fine venison.

C. A. Skipper, C. E. Lanier and L. D. Roberts spent Thanksgiving day in the woods with dog and gun. They brought back about fifty quail, but we've been unable to learn whose camp they visited.

Mrs. L. E. Webster is back at her home (Osceola) and has as her guest Miss Carly of Armonk, N. Y. Mrs. Webster says Florida sunshine and flowers is quite an agreeable change from the cold weather of the north.

Oscar Skipper and family, G. L. Crews and family, D. H. Skipper and family, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Skipper, Mrs. Dutton, the Misses Ida and Lola Skipper, Miss Conner, Miss Dutton and Messrs. Clinton, Dunbar and E. E. Skipper spent Thanksgiving day out on Carter Creek, where they enjoyed a picnic spread.

Mrs. Annie Gibbons, of Kissimmee, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. W. A. Drawdy.

C. P. Anderson left for Pittsburgh and Washington Monday. He expects to return in a couple of weeks.

Miss Roberta Bass, who is teaching school at Lake Stearns, spent Thanksgiving day with her mother, Mrs. L. E. Bass.

Mrs. Applebaugh, of the Exchange, has a pretty line of art work and dress samples; also a good line of toilet requisites.

Mrs. Lillian Houghaboom had as her guests Thanksgiving day Mr. and Mrs. Brookins and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Naylor and little son Bobby.

The Rev. Benjamin Stock, George F. Kellogg, J. R. Bennett and M. T. Merwin went to Tampa Tuesday morning to attend the South Florida conference of the Congregational churches.

Mr. and Mrs. Huerfolt and daughter, from Canada, are located at Red Top, out on Lake Isis. They have purchased property seven miles from here and expect to make this section their future home.

Two airplanes from Carlstrom Field were damaged near here Thursday while attempting to make landings. Fortunately the occupants of neither machine were injured to any extent. Mechanics from Carlstrom Field were here Friday and Saturday with motor trucks to carry the planes back.

D. S. Skipper, of Crossville, was transacting business here Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Coy went to Orlando Tuesday for a few days' visit with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Starkey have moved in from their homestead and are located in the Whidden cottage.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis West and Mr. and Mrs. Gribble spent Thanksgiving day near Sebring on Mr. Gribble's homestead.

One of the best patronized places in Avon Park Thanksgiving night was the skating rink, which opened for the season that day.

Mr. and Mrs. George Gidwin and Mr. and Mrs. Wilson and babies spent Thanksgiving day out on the Big Charlie fishing and hunting.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Smith served a Thanksgiving dinner to Mrs. L. E. Bass and family and Mr. and Mrs. George Smith and son Victor. An appetizing menu of baked turkey, mashed potatoes, fruit salad, celery, stuffed peppers, cranberries, pumpkin pie and cake was served.

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Herbert Seaverns

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D. F. Canfield went to Arcadia Tuesday, having been drawn to serve on the jury for the circuit court.

Call on the Park Mercantile Company and learn its plan for giving away the piano and auto on display in the windows.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Whidden, mother and sister spent Thanksgiving day driving around through the woods of Polk county.

Miss Henrietta Farrington has been confined to her bed for the last few days with tonsillitis, but is much better at this writing.

Herman Skipper and Melville Bass spent Thanksgiving day on the Kissimmee Prairie. In self defense they brought back a couple of raccoons.

S. P. Durrance returned Wednesday of last week from a motor trip to Ocala, where he went with C. P. Anderson on an inspection trip to the Florida Live Stock and Farm Company's big ranch, in which he is interested.

C. E. Pickrel, wife and son Walford and Jacob S. Leatherman left Thursday via "Ford" auto for Avon Park, Fla., where they will make their headquarters for the winter.

—Bristol (Ind.) Banner, Nov. 21.
We will be glad when they arrive here, for they are old friends of ours.

Col. and Mrs. D. V. Rouse, who have been living in Wauchula for a couple of months, left Tuesday for Avon Park to make their home. They are pleasant people and their Wauchula friends wish them well in their new home.—Wauchula Advocate.

Mr. Rouse is an attorney and has opened law offices in the First National Bank building. He comes here well recommended and we have no doubt but that he will receive what legal business our citizens may have.

Mr. Fred White Says, "Don't Idle Because You Only See One Rat." "I did, pretty soon I found my cellar full. They ate my potatoes. After trying RAT-SNAP I got 5 dead rats. The rest later. They pass up the potatoes to eat RAT-SNAP." If they are around your place follow Mr. White's example. Three sizes, 25c, 50c, \$1.00. Sold and guaranteed by F. C. Rae, Avon Park Drug Co., Park Mercantile Co.

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HUNT MAN TWO YEARS

Narciso Arellano Confesses During
Attempt to Defraud American Com-
panies—Sought Million—Risk
Companies Wrote Him Up
for \$250,000.

New York.—An attempted life insurance fraud involving \$250,000, which began with applications for \$1,000,000 insurance from American and Canadian life companies by Narciso Arellano, member of one of the oldest and most prominent families of the republic of Nicaragua, who simulated suicide and concealed himself for nearly two years in a hermit mountain retreat until a New York investigator ferreted out his hiding place, was described by insurance officials recently. Robert L. Barnes, an ex-spy man of Washington, who caught Arellano, has brought back a written confession from Arellano, and a story of his man-hunting trip in the wilds of Nicaragua that amazed insurance officials.

In February, 1917, scores of insurance companies here and in Canada received applications simultaneously for large amounts of life risks on the person of Narciso Arellano, said A. J. Pickford, of the law department of the New York Life Insurance company.

Such investigation as the different companies made at that time showed that Arellano had been a merchant in his native city, Grenada, Nicaragua. His family connections were all prominent in social or political life in the republic.

Sought a Million.

However, the various insurance companies would not accept the applications for the full amount asked for.

The numerous policies finally issued aggregated \$250,000, one-quarter of the total sought. The policies were made payable to his wife and son and to his estate.

Some months afterward reports reached insurance officials that Arellano had disappeared. Then came what purported to be official confirmation of his death.

Mr. Pickford went to Nicaragua to investigate, as proof of death was not convincing. There Mr. Pickford



Living Like a Hermit.

was told that Arellano had either committed suicide or had fallen from a boat into Lake Nicaragua.

"I was not satisfied with what was told me," said Mr. Pickford, "and what I had learned through my own initiative, and I advised that payment on the policies be withheld."

All of the companies subsequently pooled their interests and sent Robert L. Barnes to make further investigation.

Found Living as a Hermit.

The death of Arellano was reported in November, 1917. Barnes worked for months to find a trace of evidence to disprove the Lake Nicaragua report. A friend of Arellano, who had been in the boat with him, insisted that Arellano had been drowned in the lake. But Barnes got a hint and finally some admissions from this informant, which started him on the trail that led to the finding of Arellano, living like a hermit in a remote mountain section some distance from Nicaragua, capital of the republic.

To save himself he made the written confession to Barnes.

Goldfish Pets Boost Fire Risk.

St. Louis.—Houses where goldfish are kept in round bowls near windows must pay an increased rate for fire insurance. The new decision resulted from a recent demonstration in St. Louis, showing that sun shining through a goldfish bowl makes a magnificent lens powerful enough to set fire to curtains and carpets.

Recreation, as Well as Relaxation, is Necessary to the Happiness of All

We need breathing spells in life's bigger issues just as we need them in our routine work. No one may work continuously without some period of relaxation, and in the same way no one may bear up under heavy responsibilities unless he is able at times to forget them, observes the Charleston News and Courier. That is why recreation as well as relaxation is necessary to the happiness of us all. There is something within us, something that calls to us, as it were, in no uncertain tones to lay down our problems occasionally and try to divert our minds from them. If we are forced to live with those big crushing responsibilities, that weigh us down at every turn, that are never far away from us, that keep step with us in our daily walk, we shall miss much of the better, brighter part of life. Every one has the right to live his own life in the way which he thinks will be best for him, and it is a hard blow of fate which robs him of that right. Yet this is done more often in life than we realize, and one of the worst of our disappointments is to be forced to surrender the privilege of controlling our own lives as far as it is in our human power to do so. Because certain responsibilities are forced upon us we are often driven away from the road which stretches so invitingly ahead and to seek another path, rough and hard to walk upon, full of obstacles and barren of those things that perhaps have meant the very wine of life to us.

A FEW SMILES

Not a Chance.

Jones—Just a tip about Brown—he intends getting a car from you—and he'll never pay me for it.

Auto Agent—What shall I say when he calls?

Jones—Just tell him the truth about your car—anything to keep him from buying.

The Way of it.

"It was very unlike the majority of business men the way Ananas got into trouble."

"How was it?"

"Through both his assets and his liabilities."

The Cause.

"What makes Stiffus such a queer lead color?"

"I guess it is the plumbago his wife says he has in his back."

His Way.

"Did the foreign nobleman you were speaking of travel in this country incognito?"

"No, he traveled in a Pullman."

Ticked to Death.

"Do you think your father will consent to our marriage?"

"Wait until the bills for this month come in and then I am sure he will be glad to have you take me off his hands."

One Instant.

"I never saw such a lazy fellow. I gave him such a talking to that I scared him nearly to death."

"He is not all lazy. I noticed while you were talking that his face was working."

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Conduct is the outward evidence of inward impulses. Impulses within is sure to make a sputtering grouch without. Things don't just happen. They are usually the product of a long train of circumstances. To be fair one should get out of patience with the whole series if you get fussed at all. But you don't. You just see about the one thing that causes the explosion. When you have learned to be patient and wait you will have the power of changing many a problem that causes others all sorts of trouble. And it isn't a bit harder to do when you get the habit than it is to make a show of yourself. And it's a lot more comforting after the fuss is over.—Exchange.

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Friday, Dec. 5, 1919

The Weather

Following are the average temperatures, together with the amount of rainfall during the past month:

Mean maximum	80.76
" minimum	61.46
Maximum	91
Minimum	50
Rainfall, inches	1.46

WILLIAM KING, Observer.

A little sugar now and then is relished by the best of men.

"The world may owe us a living, but its a mighty hard debt to collect."

"Three thousand population in three years" is a good slogan for Avon Park to adopt.

Turkey and cranberry sauce is all right—when you have plenty of sugar for the cranberry sauce.

A year's subscription to The Pilot would make a splendid Christmas present to send to your friend or relative.

Huerta didn't salute the flag, Carranza hasn't turned Jenkins loose and his soldiers are still murdering American citizens. Isn't it time to write another note?

Wonder if the United States will soon be made safe for democracy.—Times Union.

If democracy consists of the war big railroad brotherhoods, then we should say the time is rapidly approaching.

The Manatee Banner having suspended publication, what is the governor going to do for something to sue—Tampa Tribune.

The editor is still alive, though, and there is nothing that we know of to hinder his carrying out the latter part of his threat—that of taking personal vengeance out of our untanned hide.

The subscription price of The Pilot will be \$2.00 a year after Jan. 1. You can pay as far ahead now at \$1.50 a year as you desire, but after Jan. 1 the price will be \$2.00. Print paper has advanced from 2 3/4 cents to nearly 10 cents a pound and an eight-page paper cannot be published for less than \$2.00 a year. We do not want The Pilot to fall below eight pages.

Avon Park, we are told, has over 500 workmen on the weekly payroll at present. Avon Park has been content for years to go along the even tenor of her way in oblivion to the great and many advantages she possesses, but lately there has come a big change over her. New buildings are going up on several lots and the ice and electric plant has grown far too small to take care of the situation. Verily, the lake and highlands region is a thing of beauty to the eye and a promise of uncounted wealth for the future.—Arcadia Enterprise.

We want to make this paper the "newslet" weekly paper in South Florida. To this end we ask the help of every man, woman and child in Avon Park and the surrounding country. No one man can gather all the news. Don't let the mistaken idea enter your mind that the editor will think you "want to get your name in the paper" because you tell him of a visit you have made, visitors you have had or any other item of news concerning yourself or your friends. Every item appearing in these columns gives Avon Park a better newspaper than she would have without that item. And the more local news items we have, the better the impression outside readers will form of our town—soon city.

Sixteen more shopping days before Christmas. Do your shopping early.

Twenty-five new houses in Avon Park could be rented in twenty-five minutes at \$25 a month.

From the number of cane patches to be seen in all parts of the state there'll be plenty of long sweeten' soon.

There are but few of us who would object to signing the war time sugar card if it would fetch the sugar.

Who cares if there is no liquor with a kick to it for Christmas egg nog? With eggs at a dollar a dozen and no sugar you couldn't make much of an egg nog, any how.

When civilization succeeds in abolishing war it may turn its attention to strikes.—Times Union. Then God speed the day when war will be abolished, for strikes are rapidly doing to us what war did for the starving Armenians.

Several years ago some wise man—was it Barnum, Henry Ward Beecher or Sockless Jerry Simpson—advised the young men to "go west and grow up with the country." Had he known anything about this section, he would have advised them to come to the Seenic Highlands.

Leach of the Leesburg Commercial proposes the newspapers raising a fund to defend George Adams of the Manatee Banner against a libel suit by Governor Catts. Put the Star down for \$10, Leach.—Ocala Star.

Looks now as though that "defense fund" would not be needed. But never can tell when the "spirits will move" the governor to pull off another fool stunt.

Time is flying pretty rapidly and June primaries will be upon us almost before we are aware of it. It's a good idea to begin considering the qualifications of the various candidates for governor. Cary A. Hardee, in our opinion, is the best qualified man who has yet announced and is deserving of the support of every man who believes in a business administration, fearlessly and conscientiously administered.

Why not a name for each farm and grove in South Florida? A name adds dignity, shows pride of ownership and may become an asset. Pine Crest Orchards, Lake View Groves, White Oak Farm—the supply of names is limitless. Have nicely lettered stationery and envelopes with this name, together with your own name as proprietor.—The Florida Grower.

Every grove in the Seenic Highlands should bear an appropriate name and every owner should take enough pride in his property to use printed stationery. We are equipped to do this work in the neatest possible manner, in single or two-color effects. Call and see us about printing some stationery for you.

PREDICTS FLETCHER'S RE-ELECTION

Senator Duncan U. Fletcher, of Florida, will defeat Gov. Sidney J. Catts in the election for the United States senate, said Tom L. Long, of Jacksonville. Mr. Long, who has been on his way to Jasper, his former home, has resided in the Florida metropolis for the past year and is engaged in the real estate business there. "The people of Florida elected Mr. Catts governor, but do not get the idea that they are going to choose him for the United States senate," said Mr. Long. "The people generally exercise more care in United States senators than most other officers and the voters of Florida will hesitate a long time before selecting Gov. Catts to succeed Senator Fletcher. It is universally admitted that Senator Fletcher is one of the leading men in the senate and his position and influence there are of great value to Florida. As president of the Southern Commercial Congress he has done much not only for his state but for the entire south. The people of Florida have no fault to find with the record made by Senator Fletcher and it is my opinion that he will be re-elected by a most flattering majority over the present governor."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

IMPORTANT MEASURES PASSED BY CONGRESS

First Congress in Six Years When Republicans Have Controlled Both Houses

While consideration of the treaty of Versailles was the outstanding event of the first session of the sixty-sixth congress, the first in six years in which the republicans have controlled both houses, considerable important legislation was passed upon and many other measures prepared for disposal when the regular meeting begins Dec. 1.

The session closing Thursday of last week was an extraordinary one convened May 19 under a call cabled from Paris May 7, by President Wilson to consider primarily the appropriation bills which failed at the session ending last March 2.

Among the principal legislative achievements were: Submission of the woman suffrage constitutional amendment to the states for ratification. The amendment resolution was adopted 804 to 80 by the house, at its first legislative act and by the senate, June 4, 26 to 25.

The prohibition enforcement, providing for enforcing wartime and constitutional prohibition, passed over President Wilson's veto.

The act repealing the daylight saving law also passed over the president's veto. The act continuing government control of dyes to Jan. 1, 1921.

The act conserving food and penalizing hoarding and profiteering.

Granting permanent rank to General Pershing.

Providing for demobilizing of the army to a peace basis of approximately 200,000 men, pending permanent peacetime legislation.

Authorizing completion of the government railroad in Alaska.

Continuing wartime passport restrictions so as to prevent an influx of radical aliens.

Ten appropriation bills aggregating about \$8,000,000,000 also were passed. They included \$750,000,000 for the rail road administration, \$772,000,000 for the army, \$616,000,000 for the navy and a sundry civil budget of \$618,000,000. Numerous minor bills and resolutions were passed, but no attempt was made to pass over the president's veto the Communal bill to restore the pre-war rate making powers of the Interstate Commerce commission.

STATE RIGHTS IN THE LEGION

Because the American Legion has grown more rapidly than its machinery has grown, it has become necessary for the state organizations to take definite action on vital questions with out waiting for the national convention or consulting the temporary executive committee. This was notably true in the southern states, where the negro question injected itself into Legion organization almost from the first.

As a result at least two states have arbitrarily decided not to admit the black ex-soldier to Legion membership. They had no right to do this under the Legion charter, but they had very good cause for it. Nevertheless, anyone who knows the south knows that the south is going to handle the race question for itself in its own way.

If the Legion, at Minneapolis or anywhere else, should presume to dictate to its southern membership how its southern problem are to be handled, it will accomplish nothing except possibly alienate the south from its present enthusiastic support of the Legion. Any step toward intolerance by those in one section who have not faced the problem of another section, can tend no aid to the present effort of moulding a great national body. And the recent experiences of Chicago, Washington and other cities indicates that meddling with racial problems at this time by any but the most fearless, honest and experienced hands would be not only imprudent but unpatriotic to a degree.

Such enemies of the nation as have been caught red-handed delivering propaganda to the colored population of the south must find no comfort through any discussion in the south so utterly American as the Legion. The southern states will ask nothing of the national convention but the right they have exercised for many years, of dealing with their own problems.

They should be conceded that right without question.—Stars and Stripes.

Headline in a recent Associated Press dispatch to the Tampa Times says: "I. W. W. Hide Out in Woods." We trust the census had been well skinned and the hide thoroughly tanned.

Two Chicago profiteers recently convicted of selling sugar for which they had paid 9 1/2 cents a pound for 23 1/2 cents a pound were given light jail sentences. Oh, the Judge Landis had been the one to pronounce sentence!

If you don't like The Pilot tell the editor what's wrong; if you do like it, tell your neighbor.

FLORIDA POLITICS

The governor says he will not call an extra session of the legislature. A singed cat's dress is the fire.—Ocala Star.

The nearer we get to the primaries of next year, the better we think of Hon. Cary Hardee for the place of Governor of the State of Florida. He is a man that we will have cause to point to with pride as the chief executive of a great state. Let's put him there.—Lakeland Advertiser.

Catts heard that the commissioners of Levy county had signed a petition, saying that they were not opposed to a leper colony in that county, and he said he would fire them if their names were still on the petition by the next Wednesday. Talk about carism and bolshevism!—Palmetto News.

Catts, Swearingen, and the balance are taking in all the county fairs and every other public gathering throughout the state, trying to convince the "deer peepul" that they have saved Florida from utter ruin and are its only safe guardians for the future. And the state is paying these oily chaps a good round sum for attending to its affairs at Tallahassee, while they are cavorting around.—Panama City Pilot.

The governor woke up at the eleventh hour and issued his Thanksgiving proclamation. We do not like to accuse his excellency of murder, but if murder of the Queen's English were a capital crime we do not see how he could escape indictment by the grand juries of every county in which this remarkable production has been circulated.—Lakeland Telegram.

We are wondering if George Adams is going to move that libel suit of his to Avon Park.—Winter Haven Chief.

We should hope not—until we get a new county, anyway. The people of this neck of the woods don't want anything but good things here and it stands to reason that the governor would have to come to the suit.

The Seaboard Air Line has asked for a raise in freight rates on canned goods. As railroad employees have recently been granted another wage raise amounting to \$35,000,000 annually, it is but fitting that freight rates on the necessities of life should be increased. Higher wages, higher freight rates, higher prices, and old h. c. c. still higher. It's a darn poor way to lower the cost of living.

Overcoming Our Failures

Discouragement is a Menace to Happiness

There are times when notwithstanding our efforts we do not seem to make any headway with our ambitions, says a writer. We set high goals for ourselves and we make the attempt to gain them, but even though we plod perseveringly toward them we seem to meet only with obstacles and disappointments. Then it is that we begin to feel that discouragement which is bound to react to our undoing unless we pull ourselves up sharply. Life is not a bed of roses for anyone, for all that we envy the apparent ease and happiness of some of those with whom we come in contact. They, too, have their trials and their disappointments of which we know nothing, and who knows but that they bravely hide their real feelings under a show of prosperity and happiness? No one likes to wear his heart upon his sleeve, and who is the proudest to the humblest, from the richest to the poorest, there is ever uppermost the determination to hide the disappointment of ambitions unattained and hopes unfulfilled. It is only through earnest effort that we overcome our failures, whether they affect our spiritual or our worldly desires, and it is for this reason that discouragement is such a menace to happiness.

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State Live Stock Ass'n

The Florida State Live Stock Association will hold its eighth annual convention in Orlando Dec. 10, 11 and 12.

The social features will include an automobile ride tendered by the Orlando Board of Trade, over some of the fine Orange county roads to a number of live-stock farms, including the famous James Laughlin estate; a banquet at the Country Club, to be followed by dancing; and some special entertainment on another evening.

The men are urged to bring their mothers, wives or sweethearts, for the women are entitled to a vacation, and they are as vitally interested in development of the live stock industry through eradication of cattle ticks, control of hog cholera, control of bovine tuberculosis, and increased production of milk on the farms as the men.

The crying need of Avon Park is more houses.

Florida law makers did not intend that we should enjoy all of the good things at one time. Just as the hunting season begins the season for catching mullet closes and remains closed from Nov. 20 until Jan. 20.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL MENTION

L. E. Whatley, agent for the Hanson Six car.

Jenny Wren Chocolates at the Woman's Exchange.

R. J. Roberts, Standard Oil man from Tampa, was here Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Williams, of Miami, registered at the Avon Saturday.

Jim Hill, an employee of the Kissimmee Island Cattle Company, is in town for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Williams, are here from Vincennes, Ind., and expect to locate in our city.

Mr. and Mrs. Hanson and party, from Winter Haven, were dinner guests at the Hotel Avon Thanksgiving day.

Mrs. Lee Williams served a turkey dinner to forty-two guests Thanksgiving day. She has twenty regular boarders.

Guy McGiboney lost twenty-six ice tickets from his wagon last week and would appreciate their return by the finder.

Mrs. J. W. Amy, of the Arrowhead Hotel, passed through here Tuesday, enroute to Wauchula to meet friends from New York.

Miss Ethel Oliver spent Thanksgiving day in Punta Gorda with her parents, returning Saturday in order to take up her school work Monday.

C. H. Moffett, cashier for the First Trust and Savings Company, has been in Tallahassee this week transacting business in connection with the opening of the new bank.

C. B. Treadway, of Jacksonville formerly of Sebring, transacted business in Avon Park Wednesday, returning to his home yesterday. While here he was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Reck.

Mrs. Franklin L. Bishop, a Cleveland (O.) woman of prominence, is stopping at the Avon a few days inspecting her Hillcrest grove properties. Mrs. Bishop will spend the winter at Pass-a-Grille, on the West Coast, where she has business interests, but expects to be a frequent visitor to Avon Park during the season.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Randall arrived in Avon Park Thanksgiving day from their home in Middle Island, N. Y., leaving there on their twenty-fourth wedding anniversary. Mr. Randall has been coming to Avon Park twenty-eight winters and Mrs. Randall twenty-five. They are among our most welcome winter residents.

Miss Ruth Bass has accepted a position with The Pilot as "news gatherer" and began her duties Monday morning. For a novice Miss Bass has done exceptionally well, as our local and personal columns will show. In her rounds gathering the local news she will also accept subscriptions or any other business you may have for the paper and will appreciate your cooperation.

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E. N. Dickenson made a business trip to Dade City Tuesday.

J. M. Stripling, of Sebring, was a business visitor here Tuesday.

W. A. Lanier was in town Tuesday visiting his son Charley and transacting business.

F. H. Henderson, bank examiner from Tallahassee, was transacting business here Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Hollingsworth and J. W. Hollingsworth, of Arcadia, were among those visiting here Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Durrance, Paul Kessler and Aubrey Durrance were out-of-town guests at Mrs. Williams' Thanksgiving dinner.

Col. and Mrs. John W. Burton and children, of Arcadia, were Avon Park visitors Thanksgiving day, taking dinner at the Hotel Avon.

The Rev. T. B. Thompson, minister of the Christian church, has returned from Jacksonville, where he has been holding a two-weeks meeting.

The Village Inn served a sumptuous Thanksgiving dinner to a large number of guests. Landlord and Mrs. Smith are making this a popular hostelry.

For Sale or Rent—Two acres with 4-room bungalow; on lake front and hard road; two miles from town; 65 3-year-old citrus trees. Bargain for quick sale. J. L. Masters, Avon Park.

Mr. and Mrs. Norton T. Smith entertained at their Thanksgiving guests Capt. F. C. Rae, Mrs. F. H. Rae, Mrs. Campbell, G. W. Smith and C. F. Smith. Mrs. Smith served a sumptuous turkey dinner, to which ample justice was done.

T. H. Lander returned Saturday night from an enjoyable trip to Havana, Cuba, with the Shriners. "Doc" looked a little "peaked" when he returned, due, probably, to the amount of fresh meat the Shriners consumed at their ceremonial.

The Hotel Avon served an excellent Thanksgiving dinner to the following home folk and winter residents and visitors: Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Butler, Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Merwin, Miss Lucy Merwin, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Donaldson, Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Anderson and Mrs. C. A. Williams.

Dr. Paterson, from West Florida, has been here this week looking over the situation with a view to locating a sanitarium. We know of no better place in Florida for the location such an institution and trust that the doctor was favorably impressed with what he saw here. Should he decide to locate here we can assure him of the hearty cooperation of our citizens in every respect.

Mr. and Mrs. William Dart, Mrs. Leshore, Mr. and Mrs. John Leshore and Mrs. Rosa Pilbeam, of Forest Port, N. Y., arrived in town Sunday noon. They made the trip in Mr. Dart's Packard car, leaving Dart's Camp, N. Y., Nov. 12, going via Fitchburg, Mass., New York City, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Richmond, Columbia, Augusta, Waycross, Jacksonville and Daytona.

At the latter place they spent a couple of days and then came on to Avon Park. Mr. Dart says he found the roads good through all the states except South Carolina and Georgia, where they were sandy. Mr. Dart is one of the regular winter residents, whose departure for the summer is regretted and who always receives a hearty welcome on his return.

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Mrs. T. H. Lander went to Tampa Tuesday, where she is under the care of a physician.

W. R. Minor, of Bowling Green, son-in-law of R. F. West, was an Avon Park visitor Monday.

The Winchester Arms Company was represented here Tuesday by A. W. Cusaden, of Tampa.

A. V. Anderson is driving a new Hanson Six, purchased Wednesday through the L. E. Whatley agency.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Wolf and son Robert, of Sebring, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Reck at the Hotel Avon Tuesday evening.

F. W. Houlihan is a new commercial man in this territory, representing the Tampa Hardware Company and succeeding A. W. Cusaden.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Lewis, of Greenville, Ky., arrived in Avon Park Saturday, coming here for the benefit of the former's health. Mr. Lewis is engaged in the banking business in Greenville.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Reck and babies and Miss Winifred Reck returned from Jacksonville Monday night, after a week's visit with Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Treadway, during which time they attended the State Fair and Exposition.

Lewis Thomas, of Fort Kissimmee, was among the business visitors here Tuesday. Mr. Thomas is one of the pioneers of this section of Florida, having resided in the lower Kissimmee Valley for fifty-odd years, during which time he has been engaged in stock raising and farming. Mr. Thomas possesses a fund of valuable information concerning this country, gleaned from his long experience in the cattle business.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Anderson returned Friday night from a visit of several days in Ocala and Gainesville. In the former place Mr. Anderson was looking after the interests of the Florida Live Stock and Farms Company, in which he has large holdings, and in Gainesville they visited their son Parke, who is taking scientific citrus culture at the University and is in his third year. After completing his course he will come to Avon Park and work in the interests of the citrus fruit development projects with which his father is connected. The live stock farm mentioned comprises 1,100 acres of land and is being devoted to the industry of raising registered Hampshire hogs, of which there are about 400 on the farm.

L. A. Wilson, Miss Marion Wilson, Mrs. Anna Holmes and Miss Lloyd composed a delightful party of Jacksonville people who motored to Avon Park Wednesday, stopping at the Avon for dinner and the night. Mr. Wilson is president of the Wilson & Toomer Company, Florida's largest fertilizer works. This is his second visit to Avon Park and the entire party joined with him in expressing their delight at the charm and beauty of the scenic Highlands in general and Avon Park in particular. Mr. Wilson is a firm believer in the future of the scenic Highlands and has shown his faith by heavy investments in groves and in lands for development. The Pilot extends a hearty invitation to these charming people to become frequent visitors.

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The Board of Trade met Tuesday night and adjourned to meet next Friday night.

R. J. Hivenbark, of Jacksonville, superintendent of agencies, was among our Tuesday's business visitors.

Roberts Bros. & Co opened their packing house Saturday morning and will operate to full capacity until the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Godwin, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Greene, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. George Smith, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Bethea and Mrs. Dunne, of Wauchula, and the Misses Beasley Palmer, Ella Cameron and Verna Ellis and Messrs. Lon Raulerson and DeWitt Greene spent Thanksgiving day out on Arbuckle Creek fishing and hunting. Mr. Bethea succeeded in landing four perfectly good coons out of one tree, while the rest were contented with hunting smaller game, such as squirrels and birds, and fishing.

Baptist Church

Let every Baptist in our city who have not done so, sit in and turn in their pledge cards by Sunday. There will be a Thanksgiving service at 11 a.m. Sunday over the victory we have won in our great Baptist 75,000,000 campaign, and greeting new members who have recently come into our city. Let us all, members and strangers within our gates, meet together in a great prayer and praise service. A welcome to all friends of our cause, who are specially urged to come and worship with us.

THE PASTOR.

Church of The Redeemer

There will be Divine service in the Church of the Redeemer next Sunday, Dec. 7, both morning and night, at the usual hours. In the morning, Holy Communion and sermon. Subject: "Cost of Discipleship." In the afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, there will be a special business meeting of the church in connection with the "Nation-wide Campaign." Evensong and sermon at night. Every one is very cordially invited to worship with us.

J. THOMAS MURKIN, D.D., Ph.D.
Rector.

Free Bible Lecture

R. H. Barber, of New York, will deliver a lecture from the Bible in the skating rink next Wednesday night at 7:30 o'clock, taking for his topic, "What the Bible Says About the League of Nations, World Democracy and Autocracy." Everybody is invited. No collection will be taken up.

J. W. Griggs, of Lakeland, was transacting business here Tuesday.

L. C. Crockett, of Jacksonville, was transacting business here Tuesday. Mr. Crockett is quite well known here, having been with the Flint Lumber Company some time.

Save 50 cents by subscribing for The Pilot before Jan. 1.

Mrs. John James and four children, of Homestead, Pa., arrived in our city Monday and are located for the present at the Avon. They expect to spend the winter here.

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Avon Park, Fla.

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REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF

The First National Bank of Avon Park

At Avon Park, in the State of Florida, at the Close of Business on Sunday, 17, 1919

ASSETS	LIABILITIES
1. Loans and discounts, including redemptions.....	2. Capital stock paid in.....
3. Notes and bills discounted (other than bank acceptances sold) (see item 5a).....	3. Undivided profits.....
4. Overdrafts, unsecured.....	4. Less current expenses, interest, and taxes paid.....
5. U. S. GOVERNMENT SECURITIES OWNED:	5. Interest and discount collected or credited in advance of maturity and not earned.....
a. Deposited to secure circulation (U. S. bonds (par value) owned and unpledged.....	6. Certificates outstanding.....
b. War savings certificates.....	7. Cashier's checks on other banks outstanding.....
6. U. S. GOVERNMENT SECURITIES:	8. Total of items 25 and 26.....
a. U. S. bonds (not including stocks) owned and unpledged.....	9. Deposits payable within 30 days.....
b. Total bonds, securities, etc., other than U. S. bonds.....	10. Certificates of deposit due in less than 30 days (other than for money borrowed).....
7. Value of banking house, owned and unencumbered.....	11. Total of demand deposits (other than bank deposits) subject to check.....
8. Furniture and fixtures.....	12. Time deposits (other than for money borrowed) (payable after 30 days, or subject to 30 days or more notice, and partial savings).....
9. Land reserved with Federal Reserve Bank.....	13. Other time deposits.....
10. Cash in vault and net amounts due from national banks.....	14. Total of time deposits subject to reserve, items 10 and 11.....
11. Net amounts due from banks, bankers, and trust companies (other than included in items 12, 13, or 14).....	15. Total.....
12. Total of items 14, 15, and 17.....	16. Liabilities for redemptions, including those with Federal Reserve Bank (see item 13).....
13. Total.....	17. Total contingent liabilities (6a, b and c).....
14. Capital stock paid in.....	18. Total.....
15. Undivided profits.....	19. Total.....
16. Less current expenses, interest, and taxes paid.....	20. Total.....
17. Interest and discount collected or credited in advance of maturity and not earned.....	21. Total.....
18. Certificates outstanding.....	22. Total.....
19. Cashier's checks on other banks outstanding.....	23. Total.....
20. Deposits payable within 30 days.....	24. Total.....
21. Certificates of deposit due in less than 30 days (other than for money borrowed).....	25. Total.....
22. Total of demand deposits (other than bank deposits) subject to check.....	26. Total.....
23. Time deposits (other than for money borrowed) (payable after 30 days, or subject to 30 days or more notice, and partial savings).....	27. Total.....
24. Other time deposits.....	28. Total.....
25. Total of time deposits subject to reserve, items 10 and 11.....	29. Total.....
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STATE OF FLORIDA, COUNTY OF DESOTO, ss.

I, J. V. CHAPMAN, Cashier, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25th day of November, 1919.

Notary Public.

Witness my hand and seal this 25th day of November, 1919.

Notary Public.

Church Notices

UNION EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Rev. Benjamin Stout, Pastor
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Morning service 10:45 a. m.
Evening service 7:30 p. m.
Prayer meeting Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.
You are welcome to all the services.

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Sabbath school at 10 a. m.
Sermon by Dr. Murrah, every first,
third and fourth Sunday.
A cordial welcome is extended to all
to attend these services.

FIRST BAPTIST

J. A. Davis, Pastor

Sermons first and third Sundays, 11:00
a. m. and 7:30 p. m.
Prayer service every Wednesday 7:30
p. m.

Sunday school 10:00 a. m.
Business conference Wednesday evening
before first Sunday.

Ladies' Missionary Society Thursday
afternoon before second and fourth Sun-
days, in church at 3:30 p. m. Mrs. L. D.
Roberts, president.

J. H. McClellan, Sunday school super-
intendent.

Church Officers—W. O. Skipper and J.
H. McClellan, deacons; L. D. Roberts,
clerk; W. O. Skipper, treasurer; J. V.
Chapman, choir director.

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All most cordially invited.

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Rev. W. A. Flesher, Pastor
Preaching every second and fourth
Sunday.

Sunday school every Sunday, 9:45 a. m.
Morning sermon 11 o'clock.
Evening services 7:30 o'clock.
Choir practice Thursday 7:15 p. m.
All are invited to attend these services.

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Morning sermon 11 a. m.
Evening sermon 6:30 p. m.
Thursday Bible study 6:30 p. m.

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WALKS INTO FIRE TO DIE WITH MATE

Woman Sacrifices Life With
Husband Who Was Crippled
During the War.

London.—The story of Mary Lawry
Pollard, who sacrificed her life in the
flames because her husband, Edwin
Champagne Pollard, a cripple, could not
escape, has thrilled London. Both
were killed by the fire which destroyed
their little home on the wharf at St.
Ives. When the flames had been ex-
tinguished, the body of Mrs. Pollard
was found lying across that of her
husband.

Pollard and his wife and two chil-
dren lived at St. Ives in the happy
days before the war. At the outbreak
of the conflict, however, he enlisted



She Only Shook Her Head.

and served during the conflict on a
trawler, hunting for German mines,
until an explosion left him blind and
paralyzed. A crippled man, he returned
to St. Ives, and rejoined his family.
Then there came another child.
They lived in a house on the wharf.

One morning smoke was seen issuing
from the kitchen and between the
windows of the house. Pollard's
brother ran to give assistance and
saw his sister-in-law at the window of
a bedroom. He called to her to jump.
But she only shook her head, threw
up her hands and went back into the
room. Pollard was not seen at the
time. The other saved the children, but
the flames were not spent until the
parents were lifeless.

"Could she have got out through
the window when you called to her?"
the coroner asked the brother-in-law
at the inquest.

"Yes, she could have come out
through the window if she had wished,"
he testified. "But she evidently
chose to die with her crippled hus-
band."

TWO BROOKLYN MULES ON JAG

Go on Rampage After Imbibing Vast
Quantities of Beer—One
a Suicide.

New York.—Two mules that had im-
bibed vast quantities of beer they
found in a keg went on a rampage
in Brooklyn, which was ended only
when one of the crazed animals com-
mitted suicide by plunging through a
plate glass window in an undertaker's
shop.

The mules were turned out to pas-
ture. There had been a picnic in the
field the day before and the party had
left a half keg of beer. One of the
mules knocked over the keg and the
beer ran on the ground. They eagerly
licked it up and then the fun started.
Several hundred men and boys chased
them.

When the mules reached a position
opposite an undertaker's shop, one
crashed through the window and fell
unconscious. It died in a few mo-
ments. The other was captured and
carried blocks away. It was returned to
pasture.

Placed Dynamite in Ear, Lit Fuse, Awaited Death

Thomas Gray was found in his
little shack at Port Weller, N. Y.,
he having apparently killed him-
self by sticking a dynamite
cartridge in his right ear, attach-
ing a fuse to it, lighting the fuse
and lying down on the floor to
wait for the explosion.

The cartridge was found sticking
in his head, his head being
partly blown off.

He had told fellow workmen
that he felt bad and intended to
blow himself up. He explained
that he was looking for mules,
and when they had to be killed
the men would put a dynamite
cartridge in their ear and attach
a fuse to it.

HIGH HONORS PAID JUDGES

Imposing Ceremonies That Used to
Mark Their Coming to the Vari-
ous County Assizes.

The stately ceremonies which have
attended the coming of an English
judge to the county assizes, three
times in each year, may be accounted
for by the fact that the judge, on
these occasions, represented the king,
and for the time being was accorded
ceremonies not very different from
those which would be offered the king
himself.

In the quaint old city of Chester,
which all traveling Americans know
better, perhaps, than any city of Eng-
land outside of London, it was the
custom, before railroads were known,
for the high sheriff of the county to
meet the incoming judge with a body
of men, armed with javelins, at the
border of the county which he was
leaving, in order to conduct him in
safety to the place in which he was
to reside during the term of the
Cheshire circuit. This came to be a
very imposing ceremony. On one oc-
casion, 60 years ago, the office of high
sheriff was filled by a baronet, who
swore the judge at the county bor-
ders with 15 javelin men, 40 servants,
100 tenants, his entire family (filling
stately carriages), trumpeters in two
detachments, and several of the
county gentry.—Helen Marshall Pratt
in St. Nicholas.

MUST TAKE TIME TO THINK

Scientist Explains Why Men Who Do
Great Things Have to Have
Abundant Leisure.

It was said by Heinrich Heine, on his
seventeenth birthday, according to Dr.
Graham Lusk, in an address printed
in Science, that a great idea had never
come to him when he was at his desk,
nor when he was tired, nor after tak-
ing a glass of wine, but usually when
he was walking in the garden musing
of other things. Dr. Lusk goes on:

"The scientist must have leisure to
think over the problems which offer
himself and he must have a certain dis-
cipline in order to distinguish between
the things which are worth doing and
those which are not. To do this re-
quires a certain delay in action in
order that plans may be matured. The
individual who can not be happy un-
less he is at work at full power all
the time is much less likely to ac-
complish successful scientific work
than he who will not commence a
research until he has satisfied himself
that it is worth doing. It is not to be
denied that this essential qualification
of scientific life is frequently regard-
ed with scorn by busy practitioners
of medicine, who give themselves no
time either for thought or study."
Scientific American.

Taking the Joy Out of Rejoicing.

He was sitting in the lobby of the
high-priced hotel. The high prices
started in the ground floor and got
lower as they went up. But no matter.

Suddenly a face caught his eye just
as his face caught an eye. A woman
darted from the throng of by-passers.
"Wife!" he chirped, pressing her
form to him.

"Husband!" she shrieked. "Ah, let
us go away, dear; let bygones be
bygones. Let us forget everything."

Just then the hotel clerk approached.
"Before you two decide to forget every-
thing," interposed the horrid, smug
creature, "allow me to remind your
husband that there is \$35 room rent
and \$15 taxicab fare charged against
him. After that is paid, ah, then, bless
you, my children."

Matter of Gender.

The bell of a Scottish church was
giving out a very poor tone and a
committee was appointed to inquire
as to what was wrong and to report
on the best means of putting it right.
After an examination the members
were divided in their opinion and the
kirk officer, who was in attendance
with the keys, was asked his view.
"First a key what's wrong with the
bell," he remarked; "it's a she-yin,"
meaning that it was of the feminine
gender. Pressed to explain, he added:
"It's tongue over long—it's needin'
to be clipped!" And this turned out
to be really the fault. The tongue
had become loosened to the extent
of an inch or so, and was overlap-
ping the curve at the rim, and
therefore not striking truly.

Mean Man.

"Why is Mrs. Gadder going home to
her mother?"
"She told Mr. Gadder she would like
to take a little trip next summer—
one that wouldn't cost more than
\$500."

"And what did Gadder say?"

"The heartless brute replied: 'I see
by the papers that the trolley car ser-
vice is going to be improved.'—Birming-
ham Age-Herald.

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GLAND OPERATION MAKES NEW MAN

Aged Convict Rejuvenated by
Transplanting of Glands
From Murderer.

NOW SEES NEW HOPE

Chicago Surgeon Is Given the Credit
for Originating the Grafting Pro-
cess by California Prison
Physicians.

San Quentin, Cal.—"I am a new
man. Already I can feel the new en-
ergy in me, and my ambition has re-
turned."

That statement was made by J.,
the old man who was given interstitial
glands taken from the body of Tom
Belton, who had been hanged at San
Quentin prison.

As J. spoke he stretched out
his arms and flexed them like an ath-
lete. His eyes sparkled and there was
resonance in his voice.

J. is still confined to the hos-
pital ward of the prison, and he lay
on his cot. He has been permitted,
however, to take short walks. He re-
peated time and again that he felt
"like a new man."

The prison physicians, Dr. L. L.
Stanley and Dr. G. David Kalkreuth,
who implanted the glands in J., said
there had been a marked change in
their patient.

Sees New Hope.

J. himself said he seemed nor-
mal in vigor for the first time in 25
years. He is serving a 90-year term,
and since he has once violated his pa-
role there is slight chance that he will
be paroled again. He looks on life
with a new hope, however.

The controversy as to who first per-
formed the gland implantation opera-
tion continues.

Doctor Stanley received a cable-
gram from Dr. Serge Voronoff, the
Paris doctor who claims to have origi-
nated the operation. The cablegram
reads:

"Hear with pleasure of your appli-
cation of my method. I do grafting
by dividing glands into many pieces
and putting them in their natural
place."

Credit, however, is given by Doctor
Stanley to Dr. G. Frank Lydston of
Chicago for first performing the opera-
tion as a report on a successful trans-
plantation of glands was made one



He Felt "Like a New Man."

month prior to Doctor Voronoff's re-
port, according to medical records.

Voronoff's operation concerns the
thyroid interstitial gland of the neck,
whereas Lydston, Stanley and Kalkreuth
transplant the reproductive interstitial
glands.

Floods of Letters.

The prison doctors are receiving a
great flood of letters from all parts
of the United States, inquiring con-
cerning the operation. Many of the
letters ask that the operation be per-
formed on the writer, and state that
money is no object.

The doctors reply, state the opera-
tion still is in its experimental
stages. They hope, however, to de-
velop it to the stage where glands
may be transplanted from goats or
apes to humans.

They have a large colony of guinea
pigs segregated as to color and will ex-
periment to ascertain whether trans-
planted glands carry with them any
physical characteristics of the donor.

Bolsheviks Stay Persians.

London.—Details have reached here
of the murder by bolsheviks of In-
dullbeg, the Persian consular agent
at Astarabad, Armenia, together with
310 Persian subjects, of whom 270
were Mohammedans and 40 Christians.

When the volunteer army evacuated
Astarabad, July 27, according to the
reports, the bolsheviks called Indullbeg
out, shot him down and mutilated his
body with swords and bayonets. The
bolsheviks then proceeded to murder all
the Persians who had taken shelter under
the protection of the Persian flag and
shot them en masse with machine guns
and buried them, partly in the consular
graveyard and partly in a common
pit.

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HARDWARE

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

P. O. Marsh, of Crewsville, was transacting business in town Monday.

T. B. Henders, I. O. Danford and Gordon Singletary, of Fort Meade, were in town Monday.

Eugene Bryan, mother and father, of Kissimmee, passed through Avon Park Thanksgiving day.

Mrs. S. B. Farrington and son Henry, of Avon Park, were among the out-of-town shoppers spending the day in Tampa.—Saturday's Tribune.

C. C. Edwards motored over to Wauchula Sunday afternoon and brought back his wife and two babies, who have been spending a couple of months in Sarasota.

Messrs. Frank and Ed Welch have purchased the Canfield Garage. The latter has just graduated from a mechanic's school in the north and as they have retained the services of Mutt Wray, who is an expert mechanic, their patrons are assured satisfactory service.

Mrs. J. B. Shaw has returned to Avon Park and is residing in the Bang cottage. Mrs. Shaw sold her property here a couple of years ago and moved away, but she says no place looks quite so good as Avon Park and that she expects to purchase property and again locate here.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Burton and Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Evans, of Winter Haven, visited Mr. and Mrs. A. Ellison Sunday. Mr. Burton has the contract for stuccoing the Episcopal church and plastering the addition to the Hotel Avon. At present he is engaged in plastering Kenilworth Lodge in Sebring.

The editor and family have secured temporary living quarters in Mrs. L. L. Daum's cottage and moved here from Manatee Monday by auto truck, arriving about midnight, worn out by an exceptionally hard trip over some of the fiercest roads a man ever attempted to navigate with a motor car. Our work has had to suffer on account of the absence of the writer while assisting in the moving.

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AVON PARK, FLORIDA

R. F. Frasier and three daughters, of Lakeland, spent Thanksgiving day here, the guests of Mr. Frasier's brother.

Charles Scott left Monday for Miami, where he expects to spend the winter. Mr. Scott was employed in V. E. Sapp's barber shop while here.

A. Ellison & Son opened their new barber shop Saturday night with a good patronage. Mr. Ellison was formerly engaged in business here and is well established.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Wolf entertained their children and grandchildren. Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Ott and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. White and daughter, Thanksgiving day. Mrs. Wolf served one of those good, old-time southern dinners.

The Rev. Sam Durrance, of Wauchula, was in the city Monday shaking hands with old friends. Rev. Durrance is holding a series of successful revival meetings at Fort Meade. From there he goes to Osprey, over on the West Coast.

W. D. Laswell motored over from Tampa Monday morning to visit his son "Billy" Laswell and attend to business matters. Mr. Laswell, who is from Kennett, Mo., has purchased a fine property in Tampa and expects to make Florida his future home.

How Big New Grocery Firm Keeps Down Rats.

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81 YEARS YOUNG (Continued from First Page)

its of the fourscore degree, but was too small to accommodate all of that age who were present—all of them like Mrs. Rae, fourscore years young, Mrs. Bell (86) being the dean (and Mrs. Bell, by the way, on her 86th birthday entertained a large company, preparing the fine birthday dinner herself.)

The invitations were from 2:00 to 5:00, but Mrs. Smith's "light refreshments" proved to be a regular supper and the time passed so pleasantly that darkness closed before the last guests reluctantly departed, all trusting that they may help this beloved friend celebrate her birthday for many years to come.

Many beautiful cut flowers, some potted plants and dainty little gifts were left as reminders of the charming occasion.

But two regrets were received. Those privileged to be present were Mesdames—

A. V. Anderson,
James Armstrong,
Lulu Blanks,
Bunice Bell,
Charles Burke,
W. S. Butler,
Frank Carpenter,
H. P. Davidson,
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Misses—
Margaret Campbell,
Alice Davidson,
Lillian Dilley,
L. S. Merwin.

Try a little want ad in The Pilot if you would secure quick results.

Methodist Church Notes

Bishop Warren A. Candler will dedicate the Methodist Church at Frostproof Friday night, Dec. 5th, and at Lake Wales Sunday night, Dec. 7th.

Rev. A. D. Buck preached a good sermon at the Methodist Church; it was enjoyed by a large audience. The Methodists are holding services in the Magnolia Theater. Mr. Carlos Skipper is the live wire superintendent of the Sunday School.

The Florida Annual Conference convenes at Lakeland December 10th. Rev. W. A. Fischer will be absent from the pulpit in attendance at the conference the second Sunday. Rev. A. D. Buck is a delegate to the conference and will accompany the pastor.

The Methodist people have made marked success this year; 32 members have been added to the Church. Notwithstanding the congregation has been without a building, they have done some fine work and plans are well in hand to begin a handsome Church building in the near future.

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Holmes and Finds That His Track-
ing and Deductive Theories
Work Out Successfully.

El Paso, Tex.—The youngest suc-
cessful detective in the world has
been discovered!

After listening to the stories of his father about the work of the detective department, James Alexander Hill, twelve-year-old son of "Jim" Hill, jailer at the city jail, emulating the adventures of Lord Dunsinville's "Pied Piper," declared that he would become a "sleuth." Contrary to all expectations, in accordance with all tales of youthful fiction, the amateur "dick" made good at his first attempt at "tracking."

Opportunity Knocks.

When a mother told the lad that her young son of six years had disappeared, young Hill decided that this would be a good chance to try his tracking and deductive theories and started out to be a second Sherlock Holmes. He fully determined to find the missing child, even though there was no reward offered—for he was not going to be mercenary in his work, but would labor for the love of adventure.

Young Detective Hill wandered about the streets looking for the missing child. His sense of deduction told him that the boy had not been kidnapped, and he inquired of passersby if they had seen a child of the description the mother had given. He also asked every small child that he met whether or not they were lost.



Asking His Name.

At last his perseverance was rewarded and he discovered the little lad who had disappeared by asking his name and whether or not he was lost.

Returns Lost Child.

The little sleuth returned the lost child to his mother and was greatly praised for his good work, which he had done all alone without the aid of a Watson. But alas for the small detective, the child disappeared from home two days later and he was not called upon to find the lad, who later returned to his home of his own accord.

If anyone desires the services of a good twelve-year-old detective who has so well proven his mettle, he will do well to call upon young Master James Alexander Hill, Jr.

A FEW CONDENSATIONS

The police at Wilkes-Barre, Pa., are looking for a husky who stole 500 feet of brick paving. A combined electric and sand bath for treating certain lils is the idea of a New York inventor.

A school to teach the arts, sciences and agriculture is planned for T. Iguana by the Peruvian government.

For use where current is not available a ceiling electric light operated by a dry battery has been invented.

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IN BERRY TIME

By JOSEPHINE S. BROOKS

"You seem pretty sure, Lena," Ad-
die Corners laughed. "But millionaire
heresses have the advantage over us
poor girls."

"You'll see, girls. If you are sure
that James Warrington is to spend his
vacation in Creekville, I'll cure him of
being a woman hater. I wonder what
he looks like? Dark and nice-looking,
you say? All the better. But hurry off
the train, or you'll get carried on.
Good-by."

Arrived at Creekville, Lena soon
found herself jogging along behind
her host's faithful old horse.

"I know I'll like it, knight or no
knight. How pretty it is," she
thought.

As the days passed Lena became a
favorite with everyone. Unselfish and
helpful, she at once seemed more of a
healthy country girl than an heiress.
Thus she was to be found one hot day
cotton-gowned, face covered with perspi-
ration and berry-stained, picking
berries in the pasture. A most bewitch-
ing picture she made.

So thought a passing autoist as he
tooted his horn to cross her.

Lena had started up, and sat staring
at young James Warrington.

He called out, "Say, miss, can't you
sell me some of those berries?"

"Yes, but they are awful dear, forty
cents a box!" she teased, trying hard
to conceal her amusement.

"May I know the name of the fair
berry-picker?" The man bowed low.

Lena Willoughby Carrow, curtsying
graciously, answered soberly:

"Lena Willoughby, kind sir, and
yours," she asked coyly.

"James Lathrop Warrington, at
your service, little country lady,"
bowed the young man.

The girl started slightly, a gleam in
her pretty blue eyes.

"May I help fill your other pan?
Then I will drive you home, if I may,"
he pleaded.

"Perhaps—nurse!—won't approve.
But it's so hot, and the pans are
heavy," he urged the plotting miss.

Later, with the pans piled high with
berries, as well as the scarf full,
which Warrington stowed away safe-
ly, they started homeward.

"See here, Miss Willoughby. If your
sunt is so pos—so careful of you,
why not meet me in the berry pasture
tomorrow, when I'll bring the scarf,
you know?" spoke the artful James.

"We—el, just this once," said the
girl, shyly. "Now please set me down
on this side of the fence. Aunt won't
like it if she sees you," she cau-
tioned.

After repeated warnings the auto-
ist sped out of view.

"I've met him, the woman-hater;
a 'little country lady' has conquered
him. Well, well!" she triumphed.

That night a letter to her club told
the girls of her wonderful success.

As vacation waned another letter
rushed to the club, and it ended:
"I know you will be surprised to
learn that Ja—Mr. W. and I have
promised to pick our berries together
all our life. Can you believe it, he is
a woman hater? Here's a secret: J. L.
W. doesn't dream that I am an hei-
ress; he thinks I am a poor girl. It's
so heavenly to be worshipped for one's
self alone. I wish he were not wealthy.
We arrive Tuesday. You'll like him,
etc."

It happened on the evening after
their arrival, the party given in their
honor, Lena never forgot that party,
where James appeared with his
cousin.

"Lena, let me present my cousin,
James Gordon Warrington," he an-
nounced. "I nearly said, the woman
hater of fame, but since he has seen
my bride-to-be, I can see his views
are changing."

Lena's face went white, then red.
Accustomed to controlling her emo-
tions, she straightened and said, "I
should say brothers instead of cousins,
so great is the resemblance!"

The pretty, soft voice grew tremu-
lously loud at the wonder of it all.
Her James poor, not a millionaire,
not a woman hater! How glad she
was.

"I have heard of Miss Carrow, I am
almost converted," James, the cousin,
bowed low.

"Miss Willoughby, Jim—your mis-
take," corrected James.

"No mistake, James. I am Lena
Willoughby Carrow, the heiress."

The man's face sobered as she
begged forgiveness.

"Not here, not now!" he said husk-
ily.

Later he chided her. "How could
you, Lena?"

"How could you, James?" she
playfully mocked.

"But I'm a poor man," he confessed.
"I'm so glad. J. G. W. can't
match my poor J. L. W. To think
it all nurtured in a berry pasture!"

"Furthermore by the scarf, dear. Don't
ever lose it, dear little country lady,"
he breathed, holding her close.

"For this!"
Lena held up the half-dollar. "And
you kept it! You dear deceiver," he
laughed.

All the club girls could say was:
You weren't so sure of the woman
hater after all, were you, Lena? The
rich woman hater is left for another
girl to cure."

"By his own acknowledgment I
have converted him, or partly. Per-
haps you, Ad-die, may effect a perma-
nent cure," she retorted, this happy
heiress.

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