

SEASON'S ENTERTAINMENT COURSE BEGINS JAN. 13: SIX FINE NUMBERS

**INSPECTORS SEED IN
GLOWING REPORT OF
GROVE PROPERTIES**

Frank H. Ellis, Charles J. P. Weber, Ed. W. Smith, and John J. O'Connell, Stella M. Wilson, the five special representatives sent to Florida for special inspection by the Florida State Development Company of Washington, D. C., and Baltimore, Md., have returned in a glowing report for two or three weeks and in the party of 12, including one of New York City's financial men.

The course committee of the board of trade presents an unusually well-balanced and attractive program for the week. The course includes five attractions and the price is unusually low—only \$2.25 for the whole course.

The course committee adopted the plan of having the first two days of class entertainments at low prices; all profits going toward bettering the course. The committee has also enabled the committee to bring to the course one of the country's famous explorers, to Avon Park Jan.

They have just completed their report and sent to the company's office in the U.S. for review. The report is very flattering one. Of course, the citizens of Avon Park know what the report is all about. They will come down and make an inspection of the drives going in the Avon Park district. The Washington company has a very unique idea and plan. For every twenty-five dollars that is put in, a hat and the last name drawn out is the one elected to make the drive for the other twenty-five purchasers.

The telegraphic report sent last week only verifies numerous other reports that have been sent to this company. This party made a thorough inspection of the market stock of land and soil and we feel that of all the inspections made previously, that these business men have certainly made a thorough investigation.

Messrs. Weber and Minter are connected with a large Washington State Ordnance Company. C. C. Washington, D. C. Mr. Ellis is an employee of the government, as is also Miss Wilson. Mr. Wells, who always has a congenial smile, who is not only one of the crew who work for a living. Mr. Wells is much enthused with the entire operation. He has a number of close friends, who are very much interested in the company and its policies. The

with a glowing report. —greatest aggregation of solid inv from the neck up ever seen in Av Park.

Dec. 30 this company will hold a banquet at the Wardman Park Hotel, Washington, D. C., for the shareholders, their wives and friends. They expect about 300 people present at this gathering and the representatives will make their verbal report that night.

Samuel G. Thomson of New York City says: "I have seen the stock cheap at twice the price. Prices please. There are 400 to sell. Stock lively."

Ask George Crews.

OUR ATTITUDE, ALSO

City, after having made his personal inspection purchased four groves from this company and is going back to

New York City with "the sand in his shoes." He is going to try and persuade all the people from New York City to visit Avon Park in the next thirty days. Our town feels grateful to Mr. Thomson, but we do hope that he will divide his friends up in parties

of not over 10,00 each, as on account of our limited hotel accommodations, it would be impossible to entertain more than 10,000 people at one time.

**SPLENDID SERVICES AT THE
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**

At the Sunday morning services in the Congregational church the pastor, Rev. Benjamin F. Stock, preached a fine sermon, filled with the spirit of Christmas. After the sermon, Vincent B. Fiske, general secretary of the Pittsburgh Young Men's Chris-

A delightful feature of the services was the singing by Fred McCurdy and his sister, Mrs. H. L. Doty (nee Margaret McCurdy), of Cleveland, O. Mrs. Doty has a magnificent contralto voice.

talro of unusual range and volume. She is the soloist of the Cleveland Symphony Orchestra the coming season. Mr. McCurdy possesses a lyric tenor of unpeakable flexibility and sweetness. Both these young people

Mrs. Doty and Mrs. McCurdy will sing at the church next Sunday and we bespeak a warm welcome for them.

**EXCITING RUNAWAY
FRIDAY AFTERNOON**

Friday afternoon a little after 4 o'clock a horse belonging to L. H. Park, hitched to a one-horse wagon,

Nearly 33,000 more acres of public land are now open to entry by former service men, according to announcement by the department of the interior. A number of members of the American Legion have written to

A horse in some manner suffered a severe cut and lost a considerable amount of blood. The wagon shafts were demolished and one of the rear fenders and tail light to the car smashed. Fortunately no one was injured.

<p>Shipping Much Christmas Fruit Avon Park fruit will please many a northern palate at Christmas time. The scribe noticed 120 boxes going by express on one train a day or two</p>	<p>Fine Bag of Quail W. A. Smith and Grover Lang spent Thursday afternoon of week in the woods bird hunting. I brought in twenty-four quail.</p>
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ago and Agent Conroy says it is going daily in like proportion. The fruit is of unusually fine quality.

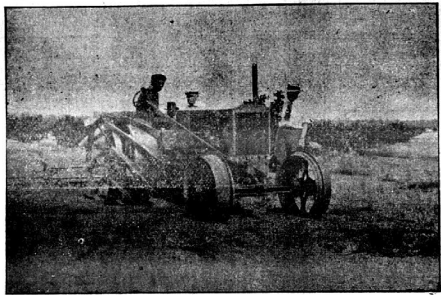
Divine Services
There will be divine services in the Church of the Redeemer (Epis-

Killed Fine Turkey
Lamont Wolff returned from or two's hunt Thursday night or week, bringing in a fine turkey bler.

Marshall Fertic was busy the part of the week with a force of workmen, cleaning the streets, and present a much better appearance.

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OUR TRACTORS REDUCE COST OF GROVE DEVELOPMENT

The first trees planted in Section Seventeen, now in their fourth year, are carrying a good crop of fine fruit—the result of splendid care.

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OBSERVATIONS

November is the month of meteors. During this month the earth in its circuit around the sun seems to be in a region of space where there are more of these floating particles than elsewhere. Meteors are probably the remains of broken up comets. They enter the atmosphere at the speed of forty or more miles a second and are burned to dust before reaching the earth. It is said that the blue color of the sky is due to meteoric dust; otherwise, the star would be black. It is estimated that millions of meteors enter the atmosphere every day and tons of dust reach the earth during the day and night. They are called "shooting stars" or "falling stars," but they are not stars. Instead, hard stone. Occasionally a big one strikes the ground. There is one in the Museum of Natural History, in Central Park, New York, weighing nearly 100 tons. There is no month without meteoric flights. The November showers are known as "Leonids" as they radiate from the constellation of Leo. The shower on Nov. 12 and 13, 1833, was the most wonderful in history, and created great alarm at that time, and many persons thought the world had come to its end.

Everywhere you will find men and women, too, hurrying hither, thither and yon as though life depended upon speed alone. Children, too, unheeding legal age, drive cars along the busy city streets every day. All the satiating pictures of roadsides which comes a mere blur as these cars dash at break-neck rate over the road; rushing into everything at high gear may be spectacular, but it is seldom sane. Speed enthusiasts excite and intimidate, responsibility is forgotten and judgment given to the winds. The spirit of reckless ownership takes possession of the reckless driver. When the speed mania, without precaution or excuse, kills somebody, he is usually let off with a nominal fine or escapes entirely. It is time to mete out proper punishment to death dealing speeders. Last year in the United States an average of one person was killed every five minutes by automobile accidents, not to speak of the injured.

Religion, if it is worth anything, is worth applying in a large way. To get followers it must have a punch that makes interest by its very ability to do things. Billy Sunday has the punch. He has mass and not mere class consciousness. There are no kindergarten tactics with ice cream on the side, in his methods. Soft cushioned seats, academic sermons, and half-hearted effort must be superseded by extensive and intensive practical evangelism, in which each individual must do his full part, if the world is to be saved. The world ought to know that the pulpit and church affairs should keep their fingers out of the every day activities of business and social life. Religion is not mere denominationalism—that spirit has already cost the church too much money, standing and influence, and united effort is necessary to save the situation. Herbert Folger says: "Be glad happy today with what you have in infinitely better and surer than waiting to be happy next year with what you hope to get."

Arthur Brisbane says every man past forty is "cracked glass." You handle a cracked glass carefully to make it last. Hard usage will break it. John P. Carroll exercised in the athletic club, then died. He was exercising a cracked glass, his weakened constitution. His mother, alive, is 92. She never went to an athletic club to see how much an old heart could stand in the way of rough usage. Brisbane thinks Theodore Roosevelt would be alive now and very likely president of the United States if he had not put himself in the hands of a trainer that, with the best of intentions, raced him up and down country roads in the hot sun and wearing heavy sweaters. That broke a cracked glass and Roosevelt died, killed as many have been by trying to improve their health, by overdoing. Exercise is necessary but it can be overdone. Pugilists and men with over developed muscles usually die young.—Moses Folsom.

Do It Now
Something needs to be done before long to check the slaughter of men suspected of violation of the Volstead law by prohibition agents. The eighteenth amendment to the constitution does not make the handling of liquor a felony punishable by death and provide that the penalty be enforced by the deputies and agents. Time—Union.

LEGAL NOTICE
In the Circuit Court of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit of Florida in and for DeSoto County: In Chancery. In the matter of the removal of the disabilities of Mary E. Newman, a married woman.

FINAL DECREE
This cause came on to be heard, upon the master's report of the testimony and it appearing to the court from the testimony that the said Mary E. Newman has the capacity and qualifications to take charge of and manage her own estate and property, and to become a free dealer in every respect, and the court being otherwise fully advised in the premises; it is thereupon ordered, adjudged and decreed that the master's report be in and be the same is confirmed, and the said Mary E. Newman be and she is hereby authorized to take charge of, manage and control her estate and property, and to contract and be contracted with, and to sue and be sued, and to bind herself in all respects as fully as if she were unmarried.

It is further ordered that this decree be published for four successive weeks in The Highlands Pilot, a newspaper published in said county. Done and ordered in chambers at Arcadia, Florida, this 29th day of November, A. D. 1920.
GEORGE W. WHITEHURST, Judge.
A. E. LAWRENCE, Attorney for petitioner.
dec310-17-24-31

For Sale—Oakland Six touring car, practically good as new; a bargain. G. A. Stebbins.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR LETTERS PATENT

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will apply to the Governor of the State of Florida, at Tallahassee, on the 28th day of December, A. D. 1920, for Letters Patent, incorporating the B. F. West Banking Company, under the following proposed charter, to the original of which is now on file in the office of the Secretary of State of the said State of Florida.

WITNESSE our names this 24th day of November, A. D. 1920.
JERRY W. WHITE,
G. D. GODWIN,
M. T. WHIDDEN,
B. F. WEST,
C. L. GUNTER,
F. M. WHIDDEN.

Proposed Charter of B. F. West Banking Company
The undersigned incorporators hereby associate themselves together for the purpose of becoming incorporated and forming a corporation under and by virtue of the Laws of the State of Florida, with and under the following proposed charter:

The name of the corporation shall be the B. F. West Banking Company, and its place of business shall be in the town of Avon Park, in the county of DeSoto, and State of Florida.

The general nature of the business to be transacted by the corporation shall be that of a general banking business, with powers incident thereto, as provided by the Statutes of the State of Florida.

The amount of the capital stock of the corporation shall be \$200,000.00, to be divided into 200 shares of the par value of One Hundred Dollars (\$100) each, to be paid in cash.

The term for which said corporation shall exist shall be ninety-nine years.

The business of the said corporation shall be conducted by the following officers:

A president, one or more vice-presidents, a board of five directors, a treasurer, and such other officers and employees as the corporation may authorize. The board of directors may not subordinate officers and employees, with powers, duties and terms of office as they may prescribe, or as may be provided by the by-laws, not inconsistent with the banking laws.

The directors shall be elected by the stockholders at each annual meeting. All other officers and employees shall be elected annually by the Board of Directors. The annual meeting of the stockholders shall be held the second Thursday in January of each year.

Until the officers elected at the first annual meeting of the stockholders shall be qualified, the business of said corporation shall be conducted by the following named officers: Jerry W. White, president; George D. Godwin, first vice-president; M. T. Whidden, cashier, and Jerry W. White, Avon Park, Florida; George D. Godwin, Avon Park, Florida; M. T. Whidden, Avon Park, Florida; Charles L. Gunter, Avon Park, Florida; F. M. Whidden, Avon Park, Florida, directors.

The highest amount of indebtedness or other liability to which the said corporation shall at any time subject itself shall be as limited and defined by Section 2712, of the General Statutes of the State of Florida.

The names and residences of the subscribers, and the amount of capital stock subscribed by each, are as follows:

Jerry W. White, Avon Park, Florida, 20 shares.
George D. Godwin, Avon Park, Florida, 40 shares.
Charles L. Gunter, Avon Park, Florida, 40 shares.
F. M. Whidden, Avon Park, Florida, 40 shares.
B. F. West, Avon Park, Florida, 20 shares.
Henry G. Crapo, Avon Park, Florida, 10 shares.
Harry Dilley, Avon Park, Florida, 10 shares.

STATE OF FLORIDA,
COUNTY OF DE SOTO.

Before me, the undersigned Notary Public, and for the State of Florida at Large, personally appeared Jerry W. White, George D. Godwin, M. T. Whidden, Charles L. Gunter, F. M. Whidden, B. F. West, Henry G. Crapo and Harry Dilley, all to me well known, and known to me to be the individuals described in and who executed the foregoing proposed Charter of the B. F. West Banking Company, and each being duly sworn severally acknowledge that he executed the same for the uses and purposes therein expressed.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Notarial seal this 24th day of November, A. D. 1920.

D. V. ROUSE,
Notary Public, State of Florida.
My commission expires Oct. 11, 1923.

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Have you any citrus culture problems? Do you think you need a better understanding of some of the hundreds of delicate and difficult problems that are continually confronting the grower of citrus fruits? Do you feel that you have learned some things that would help others through their difficulties? Do you expect to become a citrus grower?

If you can answer any of these questions affirmatively, attend the short course for farmers and farm women at the University of Florida, Jan. 4-11 next. One of the three special courses to be given at this school has to deal particularly with citrus and citrus problems. This citrus course will help you, and your presence and experiences will help others.

The prospective citrus grower should know the characteristics of good grove soil, stock and varieties that are adapted to different localities and the fertilizer requirements of young trees. The older grower may need information on cultivation, fertilization, care of his tree and aid in identifying troublesome insects and diseases so that he may apply the best methods of control at the proper time and in the most effective way.

The growing of vegetables and fruits for shipment to northern markets is an important industry in Florida and it is becoming more important each year. The time of growing them and the methods that investigation and experience have shown to be the most successful will be studied under teachers who have given thought and attention to them.

This citrus course has been planned and outlined to meet the needs of prospective and present growers in Florida. Circulars giving detailed information have been sent out. If you fail to get a copy and desire one, write to the College of Agriculture, Gainesville, Fla., and request one.

"NOTHING HEALTHIER THAN CONDITIONS OF THE PRESENT"—SCHWAB

The existing slump in business is only the natural transition of industries returning to a normal basis from the speeding up of production made necessary by the war, declared Charles M. Schwab, chairman of the board of directors of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation, in an address in New York Saturday night at the annual dinner of the Pennsylvania Society.

"I want to go on record here," said Mr. Schwab, "as saying nothing could be healthier for American business than the every condition through which we are now passing. The severer the storm now, the quicker it will be over and the sooner we can emerge into clear weather and shape our course upon the sea of prosperity."

Commenting upon the status of unemployed laborers, Mr. Schwab stated that "the great need of the world today is to work hard and save." This, he said, applies to men of means as well as working men. The man who fails to work was characterized as a "slacker," who "deserves no place among honorable men."

Pet Birds Taken to Sing By a Whistling Air Tank

Taking advantage of the imitative faculty of song birds, a simple mechanism has now been contrived that actually teaches canaries and other pet warblers how to increase their singing repertoire, declares an illustrated article in the December Popular Mechanics Magazine. A partly water-filled cylindrical metal tank, in which a slightly smaller inverted tank slides up and down, provides enough air pressure for blowing a series of whistles of different tone.

Storage batteries rebuilt, repaired and recharged. W. P. Babcock, Sebring.

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SOLLOQUIES

By S. F. Tucker

A little girl wrote the following composition on "Men." "Men are what women marry. They drink and smoke, and chew, but don't go to church. Perhaps if they wore bonnets they would. They are more logical than women, and also more zoological. Both men and women spring from monkeys, but the woman sprung farther than man."

A Sabbath school teacher said to her class: "All that want to go to Heaven please rise." The entire class got up except one boy. "Why, John," she said, "Don't you want to go to Heaven?" "Yes, but I can't; we are building a new house and we can't go anywhere."

Don't swear, except to swear off. Don't lie, even to your wife (if you have none get one right away). Don't drink, smoke or chew—not even the rag.

A good girl said to her mother: "I believe the angels think I am dead." "Why should they think so, daughter?" "Because I haven't said my prayers for three weeks."

Fourteen Points

1. Fix up.
2. Clean up.
3. Sweep up.
4. Rake up.
5. Dig up.
6. Build up.
7. Screen up.
8. Pep up.
9. Glaze up.
10. Paint up.
11. Drest up.
12. Lift up.
13. Cheer up.
14. Keep it up.

HEALTHY PEOPLE DON'T CATCH COLDS

There is a common impression that colds knock people out. As a matter of fact, according to the New York commissioner of health, it is being knocked out that brings on the cold. Healthy people don't catch cold—if they do, they throw it off without any trouble.

If you catch cold, says this authority, it is probably for one or more of the following reasons:

You have overworked and are tired out.

You have abused your stomach.

You have been unusually worried.

You have been too much indoors.

You have not been regular in your habits.

You have not had the proper amount of sunshine.

When you succumb, that makes matters worse, and you are left with still lower resistance. Then it will be just your luck to catch another cold. Some people have one cold after another, all winter, every winter.

Germs? Of course. There are germs everywhere. In the air you breathe, says physicians, in the food you eat, on the street car straps you cling to, on the shop counter you touch, on the money you handle, on the chair you sit in, there are likely to be disease germs of many kinds, some of them deadly—if they "take."

Cuba's Sugar Stock

Sugar stock in Cuba total 270,000 tons, according to official figures of the Cuban government. This is 30,000 tons less than former reports have indicated.

Of this amount 15,000 tons, it is estimated, will be required for home consumption up to Jan. 1, and approximately 200,000 tons of the remaining 255,000 is in the hands of the Cuban sales committee of the Association of Planters and Producers.

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FERTILIZER PEOPLE MUCH CONCERNED

Fertilizer people in the south are greatly concerned over the statement of the United States department of agriculture that what may prove to be a revolutionary development in the fertilizer industry of the world has been reached here by a Washington dispatch from P. H. McGowan to the Times-Union. This comes about because of the solving of the problem of extracting phosphoric acid from phosphate rock by heating mixtures of this mineral, sand and coke to a melting temperature in a fuel oil furnace. The new process has been worked out on an approximately commercial basis at the experimental plant at Arlington, Va.

The phosphate used for fertilizer in the United States comes largely from deposits of the rock in Florida. There are also large deposits in both Tennessee and South Carolina where the rock was first exploited for this purpose. The established method for producing soluble phosphate has consisted in treating the rock with sulphuric acid. In practice a quantity of sulphuric acid equal to the quantity of the rock is used, and the resulting product which is known as acid phosphate contains only one-half the percentage of phosphoric acid contained in the rock from which it was derived. Commercial acid phosphate made from a 32 per cent rock contains only 16 per cent of phosphoric acid. The elaborate washing and screening process now used in preparing phosphate rock for treatment with sulphuric acid often results in the loss of two-thirds of the rock, and it was with a view to saving this large waste of phosphate that the new process was evolved.

While the actual cost of the new process in a large industrial plant is difficult to estimate with accuracy, it was found that the fuel consumption was only about 15 per cent of the value of the product while with the sulphuric acid process the cost was seldom below 22 per cent. It is believed that the new process will prove of the utmost importance to the fertilizer industry and to the farmers who are compelled to use an increasingly increasing amount of commercial fertilizer.

CANADIAN BUREAU WILL AID THE UNEMPLOYED

The employment service council of Canada is fully ready to meet the impending unemployment emergency in the dominion and far-sightedly faces the future with confidence. To prevent the increase of the over supply of labor, the employers and employees are urged to restrict overtime and reduce hours rather than lay off help. The government is advised that re-employing labor from abroad should be permitted only under the supervision of the ministry of labor. The government is also called upon to anticipate the unrest and distress due to unemployment and the fear of it not only by initiating some plan for unemployment insurance, but by ordering public supplies and work so as to increase the demand for labor when private employment is slack, in order to keep the total volume of employment as nearly constant as possible. The provinces are urged to extend their free employment service to professional applicants for work so that they may not depend for their employment upon fee charging agencies. It may not be long before the United States will have reasons to contrast its neglect of such precautions as are being taken here.—Chicago News.

ANCIENT EGYPT NEVER HAD ANY PAPER SHORTAGE

Thousands of mummified bodies of the sacred this have been found by the French savant, M. Lacaut, in the underground necropolis under the famous ruined temple at Dier Medinet, Egypt. Each bird was in an elaborately decorated vase of wood or cardboard formed by a conglomeration of papyrus which totalled hundreds of thousands of written documents.

M. Lacaut said the find was one of the most important of the late discoveries in Egyptology. The work of deciphering the documents will take years.

"It is the waste paper basket of ancient Egypt," said one of those charged with the work.

NATURE'S ENEMTIDE

The birds have formed their flocks and flown their way to sunny southern reaches. The snakes and creeping things have gorged themselves and laid them down for their annual sleep. Next year's butterflies have built their silken beds and put their nightcaps on. The bees, weary with their months of toil, have entered upon their winter night of rest. The squirrels have gathered their store of nuts. Noisy, humming nature has quieted down. The twittering sparrows and chickadees keep watch in field and wood.

Oaks toss their bronze-leaved branches to the fall breeze. Maples fling their gold red mantles to the cooling winds. The earth nestles tight in its coverlet of fallen leaves. The glorious blue of heaven takes on a deeper, darker tint. Nature's enemtide has come, and with it—sleep. The evergreens alone their wakeful watch maintain—sentinels over summer's tired multitude of naked, slumbering forms.—Milwaukee Journal.

Perishing Gets \$21,000 a Year Gen. John J. Pershing, as long as he remains in active service as head of the American army, will receive pay and allowances amounting to \$21,000 a year.

By direction of the president the general of the army, in addition to his pay of \$13,500 a year and the usual allowances for travel, transportation, stable and forage, is provided with the following fixed allowances: Suitable quarters (eleven rooms), or in lieu thereof commutation of quarters at the rate of \$6,000; necessary fuel and light for quarters, or in lieu thereof commutation at the rate of \$1,500 per annum, making a total yearly pay of \$21,000. The new law became effective Nov. 1.—New York Tribune.

For Sale — A few choice canary birds; singers \$5, females \$2. Roswell Cutler.

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Highlands Chapter No. 42, R. A. M. Conventions every second and fourth Monday in Masonic Temple, 7:30 p. m. Visiting companions cordially welcomed.

W. M. Reck, High Priest. J. J. Jamour, Secretary.

A. E. LAWRENCE Attorney-at-Law Room No. 5, Highlands Bank and Trust Building Sebring, Florida L. H. PARK Architect Twin Oaks Avon Park, Florida

Real Estate News

VOL. I. Avon Park, Florida NO. 1.

IN the columns of this bulletin will be found, from time to time, many choice pieces of real estate, and you will profit by watching this space, as each week something of general interest will be printed; also the best offerings of groves, city property and citrus lands.

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We wish our readers, one and all, a Merry Christmas.

Of course, the Georgia peach crop was killed last week.

Will Catts have the gall to become a candidate for the United States senate in 1922?

The "off again, on again" policy which has been practised by the governor of Florida will soon be a thing of the past.

General Hill, the Mexican secretary of war, is dead. But there are plenty of "warriors" in Mexico to fill the vacancy.

One good sign return to normal conditions is the fact that one can now buy a "tin lizard" without waiting six months for it.

The new year will see many strange faces in Avon Park, from all parts of the United States. And there would be more if we could house all who want to locate here.

Earnman and Cio have agreed to disagree and if Joe were of the same calibre as our notorious governor, that old quotation "when rogues fall out," etc., might be appropriately brought into play.

And now it is alleged Catts threatens to invade West Palm Beach with his trusty shot gun and exterminate his former bossman friend, Joe Earnman. Catts is on threats but short on execution.

You may hear many people say that \$1.25 a quart is too much to pay for strawberries, even in midwinter. But with "Canadian Club" at \$10 and up a quart, aren't strawberries a cheap luxury, at \$1.25?

Will some one versed in anthropological idiosyncrasies please explain why it is that some people have no more sense than to stand in the front door of the postoffice or church? Is it because they cannot sit down?—Punta Gorda Herald.

Mexican telegraphers have declared a general strike on the national lines, demanding more pay and indemnities for personal injuries. A telegrapher's job in the United States is not considered extra hazardous, but in Mexico—well, that's different.

The pardoning board will hear arguments for Mendenhall's pardon Dec. 29. It's a safe conclusion to arrive at that any member of the board who favors Mendenhall's pardon has been bought and is as corrupt as the ruthless murderer and libertine who seeks clemency. We hope that not a member of the board will brand himself as being in sympathy with the commission of such horrible crime as that for which Mendenhall is paying the penalty.

Charlie Jones in his Jacksonville Observer is waiting for a Mosquito to lead Florida democrats out of the wilderness. Florida democrats don't need any Moscos and are not in the wilderness. During the year they have mopped up Korns and his tribe, and walloped the Amalekites (republicans) who came out against them and are in better shape than the democrats of any other state. The democratic party of Florida has taken its medicine and its liver has begun to work again.—Ocala Star.

At Tarpon Springs the business men have organized a weekly luncheon club, the object of which is to cultivate a spirit of co-operation among the business interests of this city and to promote those things which will be best for the city's welfare. Such an organization, which our business men might prove beneficial to themselves and the city in general. Weekly meetings, in which methods of attracting trade to Avon Park and keeping the money now spent out of town at home, were discussed, would prove mighty profitable to the merchants and make Avon Park a busier town.

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We are always in the market for CHICKENS and pay the

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The City Market

E. & L. M. CO.

North Side Main Street
Avon Park

JUST A LITTLE HEART-TO-HEART TALK WITH OUR MERCHANTS AND PATRONS

We are on the threshold of a new year with the advent of the new year we are bound to face new conditions.

The period of re-adjustment is at hand. Conditions that have prevailed since the war are bound to change. With that change we must solve problems of a complex character and in the solution of these problems lies the immediate future of Avon Park.

We have enjoyed a wonderful prosperity during the last year and our growth has been phenomenal. It would have been greater had we been able to secure building material and labor. Hundreds of families would have located here could we have housed them.

Conditions are changing. Prices are being reduced along all lines and now material for building is becoming available. The opportunity to do that which conditions have rendered impossible to do is at hand. We can now provide for the future by organizing our forces along lines that will insure for us the growth which natural environment warrants. But to secure this growth it will be necessary that we concentrate our efforts.

No man can afford to "go it alone." Nor can any combination of men afford to attempt the continuance of war-time prices by keeping the prices of commodities up to a war-time basis.

Since being the case, it is up to our merchants to bring the prices of life down to normal. They must meet market levels—to charge up the prices, if losses there be, to profit and for everything that tends to augment the growth of a city.

When this is done there will be a greater demand for houses, for lots upon which to build houses, for labor and for everything that tends to augment the growth of a city.

Our merchants must face and meet the changing conditions. They must co-operate to make this a town worth while to live in. They must help make it an object for permanent residents to locate here. They must help outsiders who seek clemency.

And when this is done we feel sure Avon Park will make a record during the year 1921 as no other during its Florida can equal.

We would suggest that our merchants get together and organize a merchants' association, hold weekly meetings and consider and act on plans that will insure a healthy growth, the spending of Avon Park money in Avon Park and the insurance that in this town the necessities of life can be obtained just as cheaply as in any other town in the same territory of South Florida.

A LIVING WAGE FOR FAMILY OF FIVE PLACED AT \$2,635.68

A living wage for a family of five in New York is now \$2,635.68, it has been estimated by John P. Morgan, president of the Printing Press Operators' Union, in presenting demands for an increase in wages for the printing trade.

These figures were arrived at, he said, by an analysis of current prices on 400 miscellaneous articles necessary to the average wage earner's household.

Expenditures were itemized as follows: Food, \$871.80; clothing, \$229.96; rent, \$457.35; light and heat, \$68.29; household equipment, \$90.23; miscellaneous, \$655.75.

A new house every five years would be our record in 1921.

Will the pardoning of Mendenhall be the last "stand-play" of our errand-governor?

Florida moonshine of the lunar variety is the finest in the world, but we don't brag so much on the other variety.

What's the use of having Christmas with eggs around the dollar-a-dozen mark and no ingredients for the customary turkey dinner?

The supreme court of New York has decided that wholesalers must pay 22 cents a pound for sugar they contract to deliver. Will the wholesalers attempt to pass the buck to the retailers and they to the consumers?

Thousands of pounds of decomposed food have been found in New York cafes and restaurants recently and it is said that since prohibition went into effect sanitation has become a lost art. Just what connection prohibition has with sanitation we are unable to figure out.

Times-Union: "A Georgia exchange wants to know if anybody is going to Cuba and back before Christmas. Why Cuba, Bimini is closer?" But why, Bimini, either, when you can see an empty land car for 35 cents, gets for 3 1/2 cents a pound and sour syrup for \$1.00 a gallon?

Tampa Tribune: "Many a man who will pay \$10 for a quart of hard liquor will keep up a clamor for 10-cent bread." But hasn't bread decreased in price? Is the price of red liquor advancing? If it doesn't, how in the world would a man save enough money to buy the liquor?

Tampa Tribune: "Things must be getting up a little in Avon Park. Adams of The Highlands Pilot has had time to figure out that 'bees' brings vibrat 10 times as much when flying." Not us, John; that was one of our contributors. The bees in our brood fly faster than that.

It's a serious mistake for parents to accept the version of their children's behavior. The manner of punishment meted out by teachers in our schools. It is a still greater mistake to go to the teachers and threaten when you think your child has been unjustly punished. Better far that the child be unjustly punished than to maintain the idea that "pa will jump on the teacher" every time it brings home a "tale of woe." Times out of ten the teacher is right.

DO NOT CRY "HARD TIMES"

If you want to see some really hard times, look at the way in which you try to bring them about to cry "hard times."

There is no good reason under the sun why the re-adjustment period should affect Florida adversely. If there is any section of the United States prepared to weather tight financial conditions, that section is Florida and particularly South Florida.

We are blessed with an abundant citrus crop, which will furnish employment for thousands of men and women during the winter months. Vegetable shipments will be going forward all winter and the immense strawberry crop of the Plant City section will soon be in full swing. Never before in the history of the state have there been such an influx of winter visitors at the beginning of the season and the prospects are that the entire season will be a record-breaking one along this line. These winter visitors will leave millions of dollars in the state and will be necessary to the flow of wealth into and out of South Florida.

Although we hear lumber manufacturers complain of a dearth of business, on the other hand, there is the same cry among builders of the inability to secure material.

Our naval stores and cattle industries receive in previous conditions, retail merchants are doing a tremendous amount of business, which is proof of the fact that the country is likewise busy, and there is every indication that Florida in general is in a prosperous condition.

Metropolitan papers are asserting in scare headlines that factories all over the country are shutting down, and that thousands and thousands of men are idle. This may to a certain extent be true, but it does not signify that the country is on the verge of a panic or that general hard times are to be experienced. It merely signifies that the readjustment period is at hand and that labor and capital must be hand in hand to bring about pre-war conditions, with as little inconvenience to the masses as possible.

It also signifies that lower prices are bound to come, both for the necessities of life and for labor. The manufacturers can no more produce his goods at pre-war prices and pay wartime labor costs than can the laboring man purchase the necessities of life and pay wartime prices.

Merchants were not averse to taking advantage of the rise in prices from pre-war basis to wartime prices, making handsome profits on the stocks they had on hand before the rise in prices. They should now "go with the market" and accept their losses just as cheerfully as they pocketed the profits. Lower prices are bound to come and the quicker retailers and jobbers recognize this fact, the quicker they will place their businesses on a substantial foundation.

Labor must also recognize the fact that it cannot demand and obtain the prices which have prevailed. The readjustment period is at hand and thousands of men are going to furnish labor in such quantities that an inevitable decline in wages must follow, but the purchasing power of the dollar will be correspondingly increased and no one will be hurt.

It is up to the business men to avert hard times. Let them begin to raise a general cry of "hard times" and the general public will immediately begin to curtail buying. Money will be taken out of circulation and hard times will come in earnest.

Let the merchants and the laboring men accept the inevitable and Florida, at least, will not feel the readjustment to any extent.

LARGE PERCENTAGE OF NEW MEN IN 1921 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

(Tampa Times)

The elections of 1920 seem to have been hard on Florida statesmen, at least on that score of change in election to the state legislature. Here is the way a little tabulation of the results shows up:

	Total	Old	Members
Senate	22	18	
House	77	18	

That the percentage of old members is larger in the senate than in the house is due to the fact that senators are elected for four years and the men in the even number districts throughout the state did not run either in the primary or the election this year. Therefore a number of men from the even numbered districts, 16 of them, are included in the list of 20 old members of the senate. In addition, Senators Eaton, Lakeland; Johnson, Live Oak; Igou, Eustis, and MacWilliams, St. Augustine, were successful candidates for re-election; Eaton of Lakeland having opposition both in the primary and the election, but winning in both.

Many Men of Experience Several men who saw service in the 1919 house or in previous sessions have been sent to the senate for 1921. Among them are: Bill Mapoles of Crestview; E. E. Wilson, Dade City; John S. Taylor, Largo; W. Weaver, Perry; W. J. Epperson, Bronson; Frank M. Cooper, Punta Gorda; and others. There will be at least 24 of the 32 senators who have had legislative experience.

In the house but 18 members of the 1919 session are returned. Such "old timers" as Amos Lewis, Manassas; Bob Mathis, Bonifay; George Wilder, Plant City; John W. Watson, Miami; George Brooks, Key West; N. C. Bryan, Kissimmee, and others are not back this year for one reason and another. Brooks, well loved member, died before the primary.

However, there are several men who have been members or attaches of the House or senate in other sessions than that of 1919 and who will thus bring plenty of legislative experience to the 1921 session. Among them may be noted Everett Johnson of Bradford, who has been assistant clerk of the house for two sessions. Mr. Harris of Marietta has been a member in other sessions, as has Fred

H. Davis, Tallahassee; V. E. Blanton, Lee, both of the Orange county men, Messrs. Griffin and Newton, who were the 1917 delegates from that county; J. H. Harrell, Milton, who was for five sessions a member and is this year to be a candidate for speaker; Howard G. Putnam, one of the Volusia members, and perhaps others.

Following is the completed list for both house and senate, checked up from the returns made to the secretary of state:

State Senate
District 1, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa—W. H. Mapoles, Crestview.
District 2, Escambia—John P. Stokes, Pensacola.
District 3, Holmes, Walton—Ben H. Lindsey, Bonifay.
District 4, Jackson—W. J. Singletary, Grand Ridge.
District 5, Liberty, Franklin, Wakulla—W. F. Shelley, Tallahassee.
District 6, Gadsden—S. W. Anderson, Greensborough.
District 7—O. M. Eaton, Lakeland.
District 8, Leon—Dexter M. Lewis, Tallahassee.
District 9, Hernando, Pasco, Citrus—E. P. Wilson, Dade City.
District 10, Madison—R. H. Rowe, Madison.
District 11, Hillsborough, Pinellas—John S. Taylor, Largo.
District 12, Taylor, Lafayette—W. L. Weaver, Perry.
District 13, Palm Beach, Broward, Dade, Lucie, Brevard and Okeechobee—Tom J. Campbell, West Palm Beach.
District 14, Columbia—M. L. Plympton, Lake City.
District 15, Bradford—D. E. Knight, Starke.
District 16, Nassau—James E. Calkins, Fernandina.
District 17, Suwanee—J. B. Johnson, Live Oak.
District 18, Orange, Seminole, Osceola—M. O. Overstreet, Orlando.
District 20, Marion, Santa—W. J. Crosby, Citra.
District 21, Levy—W. J. Epperson, Bronson.
District 22, Jefferson—T. J. Turnbow, Monticello.
District 23, Lake—W. M. Igou, Eustis.
District 24, Monroe, Lee—W. H. Malone, Key West.
District 25, Washington, Bay, Calhoun—H. H. Jones, Chipley.
District 26, Putnam—W. A. Russell, Palatka.
District 27, Manatee, DeSoto—Frank M. Cooper, Punta Gorda.
District 28, Volusia—Lincoln T. Hulley, DeLand.
District 26, Baker, Clay—T. J. Knabb, Macclenny.
District 30, Hamilton—John Bradshaw, Jasper.
District 31, St. Johns, Flagler—W. A. MacWilliams, St. Augustine.
District 32, Alachua—D. G. Ro-lan, Newberry.
District 33, Duval—J. B. Johnson, Jacksonville.
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Flagler—A. S. Fowler, Bunnell.
Hamilton (2)—W. P. Jennings, Jennings; W. J. Dean, Jasper.
Hernando—Hugh Hale, Brooksville.
Hillsborough (2)—C. H. Taylor, Plant City; A. T. Stuart, Tampa.
Holmes—E. B. Riddies, Bonifay.
Jackson (2)—Dr. E. Harris, Marianna; Walter Williams, Greenville.
Jefferson (2)—E. B. Bailey, Monticello; W. P. Bishop, Capps.
Lafayette—Dr. R. L. Goodred, Mayo.
Lake (2)—L. D. Edge, Groveland; T. G. Futch, Leesburg.
Lee—Francis W. Perry, Fort Myers.
Leon (2)—A. H. Williams, Tallahassee; Fred H. Davis, Tallahassee.
Levy—S. J. Gunn, Guntown.
Liberty—L. E. Penn, Wilma.
Madison (2)—V. E. Blanton, Lee; J. P. Taylor, Greenville.
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We Wish You One and All

A Merry Christmas

and

A Happy and Prosperous

New Year

Park Mercantile Co.

T. J. McGINNIS, Proprietor

CHRISTMAS DAY

IS RIGHT AT HAND AND WE STAND UPON THE THRESHOLD OF A NEW YEAR—A YEAR IN WHICH WE ALL HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH MUCH THAT HAS NOT BEEN ACCOMPLISHED IN THE PAST. LET US NOT REVIEW PAST DISAPPOINTMENTS, BUT RATHER LOOK INTO THE FUTURE WITH A SPIRIT OF OPTIMISM, RESOLVING THAT WE SHALL SO SHAPE OUR THOUGHTS AND ACTIONS AS TO MAKE THE YEAR 1921 A YEAR FILLED WITH GLADNESS AND GOOD DEEDS. LET US NOT OVERLOOK THE BLESSINGS WHICH HAVE BEEN BESTOWED UPON US, EVEN THOUGH THEY MAY APPEAR TO US BUT TRIVIAL MATTERS.

IT SHALL BE OUR AIM TO STRIVE EARNESTLY IN EVERY WAY TO RENDER BETTER SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC, AND TO HELP IMPART TO OTHERS, SO FAR AS LIES IN OUR POWER, AN UNBOUNDED FAITH IN THE FUTURE.

WITH A FEELING OF THANKFULNESS AND APPRECIATION FOR THE PATRONAGE YOU HAVE EXTENDED TO US IN THE PAST, WE WISH ONE AND ALL

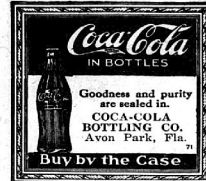
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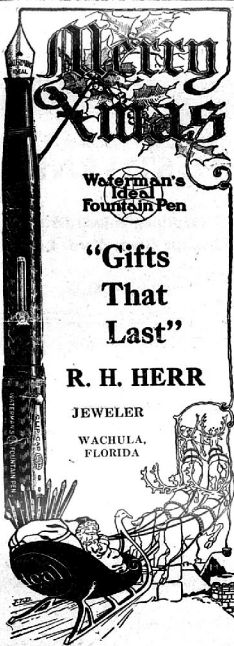
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**LOCAL AND PERSONAL**

Stivender sells real estate.
Our readers will please remember that this paper is dated Dec. 24.
We make your storage battery new.
W. P. Babcock, Sebring, Fla. 517.
J. V. Chapman was transacting business in Tampa Wednesday of last week.
Miss Roberta Bass spent Friday afternoon in Wauchula and Bowling Green.
Floyd Johnson is driving a new Dodge car, purchased Thursday of last week.
J. W. Durrance of Ocala was the guest of his son, S. P. Durrance, several days last week.
Mrs. William Babcock and Mrs. L. E. Williams of Sebring spent Saturday in Avon Park shopping.
Miss Sallie Mac Crawford left Saturday for her home in Freeport, where she will spend the holidays.
Have you seen that new cottage, corner Charles street and Lake avenue? It's for sale. See H. E. Coy.
Love McGiboney and George Gillette made a business trip to Wauchula Thursday afternoon of last week.
Mr. and Mrs. William Dart, Miss Isley, Mrs. A. J. Canfield and Mrs. Chandler returned last Friday night from Daytona Beach, where they had been spending a week.
Avon Park people will be glad to learn that the Rev. W. A. Fischer has been returned to this pastorate. Bishop Chandler gave out his appointments Tuesday of last week.
D. P. Canfield and mother motored to Tampa Saturday to spend the day. They were accompanied home by Mrs. H. E. Coy and Mrs. D. F. Canfield, who were in Tampa shopping for the holidays.



The New Year

Is Almost Here

and we trust it will be a happy and prosperous one for every person in Avon Park and vicinity. We will do our best to make it a prosperous one by selling everything in the line of

Hardware and Furniture

At Rock-Bottom Prices

We thank you for the liberal patronage you have given us in the past and will do our level best to merit its continuance during the year

Smith-McGinnis Stebbins Co.

Brickell Block

Avon Park, Florida

The Rev. Ed S. Barnes is driving a new Ford.
Dink Skipper of Crewsville was greeting friends here Monday.
Fatty Arbuckle's biggest picture at the Capital Saturday. Eight reels.
Ocell Durrance of New Hope spent Friday afternoon in Avon Park.
Our readers will please remember that this paper is dated Dec. 24.
Dr. Couch of Bartow made a professional trip here Sunday morning.
We make your storage battery new.
W. P. Babcock, Sebring, Fla. 517.
Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Dunn of Lake Wales were Avon Park visitors Friday.
Henry Washington and Cole Godwin spent Wednesday of last week in Tampa.
Don't miss "The Round-Up," Capital Theatre Saturday. Matinee 3 o'clock.
Mrs. H. E. Coy and Mrs. D. F. Canfield spent the week-end in Tampa shopping.

Gideon Jaeger of Sebring was visiting friends in Avon Park Thursday of last week.
Jimmy Ridings of Nashville, Tenn., spent Sunday here with his brother, H. C. Ridings.
Miss Myra Alderman went to Fort Meade Sunday, where she will spend the holidays with relatives.
O. J. Janacek of Houston spent several days here last week visiting his friend, Curtis Langford.
C. E. Lanier and C. A. Skipper spent Saturday in Jacksonville, transacting business.
Mr. and Mrs. Love Cash, Mrs. R. L. Green and Wallace McCaw motored to Sebring Thursday of last week.
Have you seen that new cottage, corner Charles street and Lake avenue? It's for sale. See H. E. Coy.
Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Trent are the proud parents of an 8½-pound boy, born Wednesday night of last week.
Storage batteries rebuilt, repaired and recharged. W. P. Babcock, Sebring, Fla. 517.
If you cannot see "The Round-Up" Saturday night, then come to the matinee. Picture starts promptly at 3 p. m.
Mrs. F. A. Hancock has returned to her home in Chuluota, after having spent several days here with relatives.
Miss Leona Whitehouse of Sebring was the charming guest of Florence Hart Thursday and Friday of last week.
Mr. and Mrs. Sam Houston of Pittsburgh, Pa., are here for the holidays, which they will spend with their son, Roy Long.
Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Harris spent Saturday night and Sunday in Fort Meade with Mrs. Harris' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lewis.
Mr. and Mrs. Clarence English have moved to the vicinity of D. T. Lockett's store and both will assist in the store for an indefinite period.
Kyle Williams motored to Bowling Green Friday afternoon, bringing back his sister Liria, who had been visiting relatives there for a week.
E. M. Brickell left Saturday for Pittsburgh, Pa., where he will remain until about the middle of January before returning to Avon Park.
Miss Elizabeth Andrews returned to Avon Park Friday from Lemon Grove, where she is teaching school, to spend the holidays with her parents.
Bill DeBordeneave, who is attending Staunton Military Academy at Staunton, Va., is home to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. DeBordeneave.
Notice—All persons are warned against cutting holly on the Holly-hurst Plantation. Persons so doing will be prosecuted. J. L. Masters, manager; R. P. Davidson, owner. 2t

Is there any employment near central Florida for a Virginian with best character references and experience in general merchandise and at fruit and vegetable growing. "William," Box 14, Glendale, Md.
J. O. Bethea of Bartow was greeting friends here Thursday of last week. Otis is now engaged in selling Ford cars and says the price at Bartow for the five-passenger "lizzies," ready to run, is \$613.
Mrs. Sarah E. Shepard and son Kenneth departed Friday morning of last week for their home in Pittsburgh, Pa., after having spent three weeks very pleasantly here. Mrs. Shepard was one of Avon Park's guests last winter.
W. H. Bennett and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. James Hogan and Mr. M. Drake of Farmersburg, Ind., arrived here Friday night to spend the winter. Mr. Bennett spent last winter here and being delighted with Avon Park decided to return this winter and bring his friends with him.
The ladies of the Missionary Society of the Methodist church have been fortunate in securing the services of Prof. R. T. Cornelius (impersonator), M. A. of Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn., to give an evening's entertainment at the Capital Theatre, Wednesday, Dec. 29, beginning at 7 o'clock. Come, bring your friends and have an evening of laughter and real enjoyment. Admission, adults 50 cents, children 25 cents.—Adv.

Last week's Punta Gorda Herald says: "Mrs. L. Oliver went to Arcadia Friday evening and was followed by her husband next morning, both going to attend their daughter, Miss Edith Oliver, who on Saturday morning underwent an operation for appendicitis. The young lady's many friends sincerely pray for her speedy recovery." Miss Oliver, who was teacher of domestic science in our schools last year, has many friends here who will also hope for her speedy recovery.
Masonic Temple Association Notice
The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Masonic Temple Association will be held Monday evening, Jan. 3, 1921, at the Masonic Temple. Election of officers and other important business.
George F. Smith, Secretary.

FLORIDA MOST PROMISING FIELD IN AMERICA FOR LAND DEVELOPMENT

Florida is today the most promising field in America for land development. The fact that it has been advertised by land agents for years, and has been the fruitful field of all sorts of "colony" propositions, some of them of questionable character, might lead a prospective investor to suppose that it had been so picked over that nothing worth while is left.
A study of present conditions will quickly dispel that opinion. What has been done in this state in the past—the construction of its network of railroads, the improvement of its highways, the planting of vast areas in citrus fruits and the use of other large areas in early vegetables, as well as the increase of its population and the tremendous growth of its tourist traffic—will serve to open the way to other and bigger things yet to be accomplished.
Florida offers the maximum of certainty with the minimum of cost. Land in large tracks, outside the proven citrus belt, may still be obtained at a nominal price. Its complete development usually includes a certain amount of drainage, which, however, presents no serious engineering difficulties—the clearing of the land from brush and stumps to prepare it for the plow, and, perhaps, the removal of miles of highway to make it accessible to railroads and markets.

It can be figured in advance with almost as much definiteness as the cost of constructing a garage. When the work is complete the land has a well established value and an assured sale. Moreover, there is no problem about its productivity. By simple inspection its character can be ascertained, and exactly what it will produce, or, rather, what it is best adapted to, for it will produce anything, can be announced with certainty.
Much has already been done, and much is under way now. Many thousands of acres of the most productive land in the world have been reclaimed from the swamps, within the last twelve months. But millions more just as good remain to be reclaimed and fitted for production. It is simply a matter of enterprise and capital. If there is, anywhere in the world, a place where sure rewards are offered for both, no evidence of its existence has been offered. Lakeland Telegram.

CAPITAL THEATRE

Attractions for the Week, Beginning Tuesday, Dec. 21
Tuesday
Ninth episode of "Ruth of the Rockies," with Harold Lloyd, comedy.
Robin comedy and Pathe News. See "The Round-Up," Saturday.

A feature picture; also comedy. Fatty Arbuckle Saturday.

Thursday
A Mary Miles Minter picture; also the fourth of the \$2,000,000 two-reel Harold Lloyd comedies, "The Round-Up," Friday.

A Pathe picture in seven parts, "Passers-By." Any child under 12 years of age, accompanied by its parents, will be admitted free this night.

Saturday
The big feature of the week, Fatty Arbuckle in "The Round-Up." Pathe mount Artercraft picture in eight parts. If you miss it, you will miss one of the best pictures of the season. It will bring tears and laughter. It has some of the most beautiful scenes ever taken in California. Picture starts at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon and continues until 11 o'clock. Matinee 15 cents and 25 cents, night 25 and 50 cents.

We print calling cards.
Mr. and Mrs. Orloff Witt spent Sunday afternoon shopping.

Harry Dilley went to Arcadia Monday morning, to serve on the jury.

Wanted—Small second-hand desk. George Topham, Hotel Avon, 21p.

A. V. Anderson made a business trip to Lake Wales Monday morning.

Harry Cook of Farmersburg, Ind., arrived here Friday to spend the winter.

Leon Starkey, Lee Crews and Fred Peddy motored to Lakeland Tuesday afternoon.

"Mrs. Dr. McCann and Mrs. Paul Vinson of Sebring were shopping in town this morning."

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Smith motored to Lemon Grove Friday night to attend school exercises.

Ellie Harris and Beasley Palmer spent Friday afternoon in Sebring with Miss Thelma Irwin.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Crews spent Friday of last week visiting relatives and friends in Crewsville.

J. M. Montuonides of Kiceo passed through Avon Park Thursday of last week, en route to Arcadia.

Mrs. S. P. Durrance and children motored to Eagle Lake Saturday to visit Mrs. Durrance's mother.

Mrs. Shade Williams and daughter, Miss Vera Crews, were shopping in Avon Park Saturday afternoon.

Kyle Williams and Melville Bass left Monday morning for the East Coast, where they will spend the week.

Louis Thomas of Fort Kissimmee spent Saturday in Avon Park transacting business and mingling with friends.

Ray Marsh and little son Dale, Mrs. L. C. M. Ellenberger and Ethyle Marsh spent Saturday in Wauchula shopping.

Miss Della Whipple of Colebrook, N. H., is expected here soon to spend the winter with her cousin, Mrs. L. H. Park, at Twin Oaks.

The Rev. A. D. Buck suffered a fall in front of the new Methodist church Saturday, the result of which was a badly bruised face.

Admission to "The Round-Up"—Matinee 15 and 25 cents, night 25 and 50 cents. Attend the matinee and avoid the crowd at night.

Miss Manie Lee Durrance, who has been attending college near Nashville, Tenn., returned home Sunday night to spend the holidays with her parents.

Christmas Week

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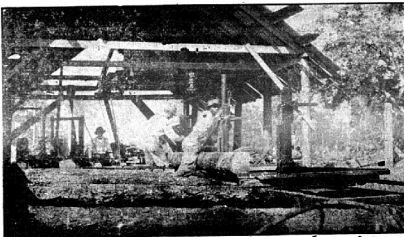
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FEAR THE EXTINCTION OF FURRED ANIMALS

Farming of wild fur-bearing animals and the establishment of large sanctuaries is urged by the United States department of agriculture as the only sure means of preserving the fur supply, which is being diminished to the vanishing point. Muskrats, skunks, foxes and minks are among the animals which can be successfully bred in captivity or under conditions of semi-domestication. Decrease in the supply of fur-bearing animals in this country, coupled with a vastly increased demand leads the department to urge domestication of the animals and the establishment of preserves. Unless these animals are rapidly conserved, the biological survey declares in a bulletin on the subject, the time is not far away when many of the valuable species will be exterminated and furs will be worn only by the very rich. This fact is said to be recognized by the fur trade generally.

Directly or indirectly fur contributes to the support or comfort of a large part of the population of the United States. We import as much fur as we produce. In other words, we could sell at home twice as much fur as we are now producing, in addition to the foreign demand. Since 1914 the center of the fur trade has been transferred to the United States. The greatest fur sales in history are now being held here and all branches of fur dressing, dyeing and manufacturing are being successfully carried on by American enterprise.

Fur Industry Involved
Most of the fur goods produced in America are manufactured in or near New York City, where in 1918 there were about sixty dressing and dyeing plants, 500 dealers, 1,200 manufacturers, 18,000 operatives and an investment estimated at between \$200,000,000 and \$300,000,000.

Values of skins have risen to heights that have surprised even those on the inside, continues the bulletin, and skins that formerly had little or no value as fur became popular under various trade names. A comparison of the highest prices paid at the October sales in St. Louis in 1915 with those in 1918 illustrates the increase in fur values. Beaver advanced in these four years from \$17 to \$58.50; otter from \$14 to \$101; muskrat from 36 1/2 cents to \$5.10; red fox from \$15.50 to \$64; fisher from \$25.50 to \$205; skunk from \$1.35 to \$10.90; marten from \$15.25 to \$145.

The crest of the rising wave of fur values was reached at the auction sales of February and March, 1920, when weasel brought \$4.10; muskrat, \$7.50; skunk, \$12.25; racoon, \$50; lynx, \$65; red fox, \$71; mink, \$75; otter, \$105; marten, \$201, and fisher, \$205. The fur market has been greatly depressed recently, but its recovery to normal demand and prices in the near future is expected, adds the circular.

The biological survey cites the case of one man who bought a mink-lined coat complete in 1913 for \$500. After wearing the coat two years he sold the lining for \$1,600 and replaced it with nutria at a cost of \$150. In 1917 he sold the nutria lining for \$250, and put in a muskrat lining at a cost of \$55. In 1919 he sold the muskrat lining for \$500 and still has the shell of the coat and a clear profit of \$845. Two boys near Ottawa, Ill., sold \$1,000 worth of muskrat, skunk and mink skins during the winter of 1919-20. Alaskan trappers in 1918 sold furs valued at \$1,203,000. Skunk skins are estimated to have brought \$1,000,000 to trappers in New York state in a single year.

Seal Crop Worth \$4,000,000
A fact not generally known is that the United States government realizes millions of dollars annually from its fur industry. The sealskins taken on the Pribiloff Islands by the bureau of fisheries in 1919, to the number of 27,821, were worth nearly \$4,000,000. From these islands the same year the government harvested 328 blue foxes with pelt worth \$105,000. The skins of beaver, bobcats, coyotes, mountain lions and timber wolves killed by predatory animal hunters of the biological survey in 1918 and 1919 brought nearly \$100,000.

In the resultant stimulation of the fur garment trade, the department foresees an intensified pressure on fur-bearing animals, which have been rapidly decreasing in number as a result of excessive trapping, clearing of forests and draining of marshes. Already beavers and martens have been exterminated over a large part of the country. Even in Alaska, trappers have had a closed season of several years, declared for the protection of beavers.

Reports from raw fur buyers indicate that fur-bearing animals have decreased approximately 50 per cent during the last decade. A raw fur buyer in Boston declared that the muskrat supply of 1918 and 1919 was 50 per cent short of normal, and the following winter had decreased another 50 per cent. In 1917 Wisconsin trappers took 800,000 muskrats, in 1918 less than 300,000 and in 1919 only 150,000.

The department asserts that a greatly increased production can be made possible only by domesticating the animals, just as livestock are now raised, and by establishing preserves for them where they will be safe from molestation. Protected areas stocked with the best fur animals that can be found will become centers from which choice breeding stock can be obtained for establishing other preserves and for private use.

Wild creatures soon learn where they are safe from molestation. Wild water-fowl in city parks swarm around visitors who feed them as if they were domesticated. Wardens in Jasper Park, Alberta, say that as soon as the hunting season approaches many wild animals take refuge in the park.

Muskrat farming is a profitable industry in Maryland. Marsh owners in Dorchester county harvest from 100,000 to 125,000 muskrat skins a year. There is a market for the meat as well as for the fur. A single Baltimore firm handles 25,000 to 30,000 muskrat carcasses a year and is unable to supply the demand at that. One Maryland hotel has them on the bill of fare as "marsh rabbit."

SOUNDING A WARNING

The "peerless" Bryan, who has a beautiful winter home in Miami, has been warning the real estate men that they must not kill the goose that lays the golden egg by boosting the prices so high that only the millionaires can live in Florida and enjoy its manifold blessings.

There may be something in this, although we have little patience with croakers in general who are always predicting calamities and slumps in real estate. However it is well, sometimes, to halt and look back over the circumstances that have contributed to the popularity of Florida and provided its wonderful growth of tourist business.

One of these circumstances was the tendency of California to boost prices of living and real estate and this had a tendency to turn many people to Florida. Another circumstance that has contributed to our growth and development was the fact that great numbers of the middle class people came to Florida because they could get here and live cheaper than they could in California. Now, it is claimed, the shoe is on the other foot, and California is featuring its very reasonable living costs to its advantage and possibly to the future detriment of Florida.

Miami has had phenomenal growth and stupendous development and it will continue, as it has the ideal winter climate and location and great wealth has been attracted to it, but it might be well to look back to the "commoner" and not attempt to make it exclusively a rich man's paradise as no big city has been built by one class alone.

Keep prices within reason and attract all classes and in the near future Miami will rival Los Angeles, Jacksonville and push San Francisco for honors and the entire state will lead the world as a resort section, with an annual income from the tourist crop, amounting to billions. Times-Union.

SAYS LOLLYPOPS AND HIGH HEELS WRECKING NATION'S WOMANHOOD

A ban on high heels, such as never carried a Puritan pilgrim ancestor to church, is to be sought from the legislature by the Massachusetts Osteopathic Society. Announcement that the society would introduce a bill to stop the high heel at its source—manufacture—was made at its nineteenth annual convention held in Boston Dec. 1.

Dr. R. Kenrick Smith of Brookline, who read a paper on "High Heels as a Crime," told his associates that the advent of woman suffrage had given the society courage to propose a bill prohibiting the manufacture, sale and wearing of heels more than one and one-half inches in height.

ENGLISH JUDGE GIVES RATHER UNIQUE SENTENCE

One of the most famous members of the English bench was Judge William Henry Maule of the common pleas court of London. It is told of him that once when he was sitting through a long series of witnesses, each giving much testimony and finally when the majority of the twelve men and true seemed on the verge of going to sleep, and the rest to have lost all interest in the case, he abruptly closed the testimony and the jury found the prisoner innocent. Although the evidence proved the prisoner innocent, and even the prosecuting attorney admitted it, the jury brought in a verdict of guilty.

The judge, being thus forced to give sentence, did so as follows: "I acquit at the bar, your counsel thinks you innocent, the counsel for the prosecution thinks you innocent, I think you innocent. But a jury of your countrymen in the exercise of their common sense as they possess, which does not seem to be much, have found you guilty, stupidly enough, and it remains for me to pass upon you sentence of the law. The sentence is that you be kept in imprisonment for one day, and that day to be yesterday, therefore you may go about your business."—Detroit News.

Electric Spanker Spanks 1,800 Spanks a Minute

Pupils of the St. Petersburg schools can now be spanked by a machine run by electricity and it is a very effective device that has been made by the manual training department of the high school. The pupils now will be sentenced to the electric spanker instead of the electric chair. The device is in the form of a chair on which the victim is seated. Leather straps then are swung with no little force against the seat of the person being punished and the straps will hit 1,800 times a minute. The device has been used and found very effective, one of the boys who helped to make the chair offering himself for the sacrifice. Thus far no pupil has been condemned to the chair and it has not been officially used, but stands ready in case there is need for it.

Sporting Presidents

Cleveland was a fisherman; Roosevelt was a mighty hunter; Wilson and Taft golfers, and now Harding, up-to-date in presidential sports, is both a fisherman and a golfer. In the sporting line Colonel Roosevelt had them all beaten.—Reporter-Star.

Marshes that were considered valueless are now worth \$20 to \$40 an acre for muskrat culture.

Experiments in propagating fur animals in confinement have been tried with varying results. The department of agriculture has already determined that silver foxes, black foxes, blue foxes, skunks and muskrats can be farmed profitably under suitable conditions.

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JOLLY PITTSBURGH CROWD CONTRIBUTES LIBERALLY FOR JAXVILLE'S UNFORTUNATES

H. P. McCurdy, vice-president and general sales manager of the Citrus Groves and By-Products Company, also general secretary of the Pittsburgh-Fruit Growers Association, arrived in our town Wednesday of last week, accompanied by twenty-four of the Pittsburgh purchasers, who came down for the annual inspection and the opening of the company's beautiful "Lodge" on Lake Byrd.

Mr. McCurdy started from Pittsburgh with this party of twenty-four Dec. 10. The first day they spent in Washington, D. C. Mr. McCurdy hired a "rubber-neck" wagon and the day was spent in sight-seeing. Mrs. H. S. Garrett, Mrs. Philip Mowll and Mrs. Dr. Swope were among the Pittsburgh purchasers who met this crowd at the depot in Washington and certainly gave them a great day's reception.

The party took the Merchants and Miners boat at Baltimore. There were about 110 people on the boat and Mr. McCurdy decided that the Pittsburgh party should furnish the entertainment for the entire trip. One evening they put on a few sketches which included a "Punch and Judy" show. Vincent Fisk made quite a hit in singing "How Much Would You Take for Me, Papa." The passengers of the ship enjoyed the whole affair and Mrs. Doty (contractor) of Cleveland, O., or better known as Margaret McCurdy, gave several selections in the evening. It was suggested that an offering be taken for the benefit of the Salvation Army and give the poor of Jacksonville a Christmas dinner. The first time the hat was passed \$35 was raised. Mr. McCurdy named three of the Pittsburgh people and asked them to come forward and lay \$5 each on the table, but there was some mistake and four came forward, making the collection \$55. It was then decided it should be raised to \$100, but with a little of Mr. McCurdy's magnetic power the fund was raised to \$101.

Then they looked around over all the gentlemen on the ship and they found just one honest man to whom they entrusted this money and that man was Robert Clark of Butler. A good deal of criticism was made on account of trusting so much money with a man from Butler. It was proved later that he was the right man, for when the money was turned into the Salvation Army there was \$102.55. Sunday evening religious services were held on the ship and same was a very impressive service. Dr. McKee, better known as "The Glass-eyed Merchant," grouped together twenty of the men and rehearsed the hymn "Vincent B. Fisk, secretary of the Wilmerding Y. M. C. A., delivered the address and his subject was "Helping Others."

Monday the ship laid up all day at Savannah and Dr. McKee, assisted by Mr. Edmonds, decided to put on a minstrel. They took what was known as the "Howard Chorus" of twenty men and they certainly rendered a fine production. "All went well until about 9:30. Something seemed to have gotten under the boat. Mrs. Doty was sitting at the piano and it was noticed that the blue of youth was fast leaving her face. She finished the piece, and as the storm rose higher, the audience, one by one, left the reception room. It certainly was a pitiful sight to see strong, noble men, standing up and holding on the rail of the boat.

The group on the way down composed a song, which is sung to the tune of "A Long, Long Trail," and the words are as follows:

"It's a long, long trail to Avon Park,
Into the land of our dreams,
Where the grapefruit groves are growing.
End of all our schemes,
'Twas a long, long night of waiting,
But now our dreams all come true,
And so we are all grateful,
Charlie Anderson, to you."

Since spending a week in Avon Park the party is so enthused over the wonderful possibilities of the citrus business that they all want to stay here until spring. They certainly are enjoying themselves in their own new "Lodge," which is erected from native logs.

Dr. and Mrs. Dunbar, John D. Ford and Miss O'Malley are the three purchasers representing Section Seven. Fred Collins is accompanied by his wife and daughter. Mr. Collins is connected with the Republic Iron and Steel Company of Youngstown. He is supposed to be a man of great character and quiet business ability, but we think if he stays in Avon Park much longer he will have to be looked after and possibly have some head treatments.

William Thomson of the Carnegie Steel Company represents "Lakewood Mills." Francis Logan, Dr. Dunbar and Mr. Collins represent Section Sixteen.

Dr. McKee, Messrs. Clery, Hester, J. B. Coen, A. B. Rose, Dr. Ratcliff and Miss O'Malley, Miss McCutcheon and Mrs. Appleby comprise the rest of the party and are all perfectly satisfied and more than pleased to send greetings to all their northern friends who are purchasers, advising them to increase their holdings if same is possible.

Continued Increase in Freight Cars
Continued increase in the number of surplus freight cars during the week ended Nov. 15, when the total reached 19,869, or 7,522 more than in the preceding week, has been announced in Washington by the car service division of the American Railway Association. Data compiled by the division, it was said, shows this surplus to be located chiefly in the south and central west. Increase in the total surplus was shown to be due to reduction of the car shortage continuing to exist in other parts of the country, where the average daily shortage for the week was 356, or 4,322 less than for the week preceding.

Would Help Germany
A plan is under consideration in Great Britain to grant Germany a credit of \$100,000,000 worth of raw materials.

INVESTING IN FLORIDA

You may be surprised to know that there are men in Florida today who are considered very successful in business and shrewd investors, who will advise their friends to invest money in Florida, in almost any locality where the people are at all progressive.

This advice is good and it is being heeded by all sorts of people and investments in Florida are doubling up at a rate that is almost unbelievable. Some are investing in the larger cities because they have plenty of money to invest, while others are taking their smaller capital to smaller towns and both will reap in proportion to the amount invested, providing they are fairly good pickers.

Some people have the happy faculty for picking just the right things while others invariably pick where it is harder to realize on the investment but it has been clearly shown that those who hang on will eventually profit. It takes longer for values to increase in some places than in others, but if the location is good and the people are progressive that community is bound to improve and increase in Florida.

One of the recent evidences that there are investors for all classes of investments, is shown in a transaction where a prominent real estate firm in one of the most progressive cities in the state, went outside, over a hundred miles away, and bought up a subdivision and is now advertising the lots in this subdivision in the larger city with the idea that many investors did not have sufficient capital to take a flier in the big city and might buy in the smaller place, according to their pocketbook. Usually it has been the other way. Many large city subdivisions have been sold out to people in the smaller cities and towns but now the city people are looking into the growing towns for good investments, evidently with the hope that they will duplicate the success of the larger cities.

Farming lands are to be considered on the same par. It has been a noticeable fact that where there have been progressive communities and co-operation has been developed, the best farming sections have been found there. It is not always the quality of the soil that is the character of the people and the spirit that controls that makes communities of success and permanency. Florida is big enough and has enough land to make a great many such communities and the spirit of harmony and co-operation should be preached and practiced every where, in order that the state shall be built up in a substantial manner.—Times-June.

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REINDEER AND MUSK OX TO TAKE PLACE OF BEEF

The reindeer and the musk ox may become new sources of wealth to Canada. The Hudson Bay Company, famous pioneer developer of the American continent, has been chartered by the government to domesticate these animals and a separate department of the company with a capital of \$200,000 and the advice of the noted Arctic explorer, Vilhjamur Stefansson, will proceed at once with its plans.

Stefansson spent five years in the far north living almost exclusively on the land. He says the musk ox and the reindeer, which abound at the Arctic circle, can be made to supply meat and wool.

"Land is first sought by hunters, next by farmers and finally by manufacturers," says Stefansson. "We have hunted the far north. Now comes the time of grazing and cattle raising and after that perhaps an industrial development."

"Musk oxen and reindeer are more valuable for beef than cattle," says Stefansson. "The musk ox forages for itself and will produce 10 to 15 pounds of wool a year."

There are huge stores of oil, timber and minerals and plenty of water power in the far north. Sooner or later the musk ox and reindeer will lead the way to the population of that section."

Panama Canal Revenues
The annual report of the Panama Canal states that the revenue of the canal exceeded current expenses for operation and maintenance for six years period since 1914 exceeded total revenue by amount of \$2,231,091.61. The canal in its present state represents a capital expenditure by the United States of \$366,650,000, exclusive of the cost for its military and naval defense.

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A fashion note says the waist line will be lower this winter. Of course, that's none of our business, but if it gets confused with the skirt hem we will not be responsible.—St. Augustine Record.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of Avon Park, Florida, will be held at the office of the said bank at Avon Park, Florida, Tuesday, January 11, 1921, at 11 o'clock a. m. for the purpose of the election of directors and the transaction of any other business that may properly come before said meeting.

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HOW THE PITTSBURGHERS ARE ENJOYING THEIR TRIP: BY ONE OF THEM

(Continued from Page 1)

that's what Alex Ross and the writer did in Byrd Lake. This story would not be complete without one more reference to the spirit of fellowship which warmed our hearts and which created memories which will abide. There never was a finer bunch of folks than these. Look 'em over: read 'em up or down or sideways. It's all the same.

Mr. and Mrs. McCurdy, Eddie, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Anderson, Helme, and Mrs. A. V. Anderson, Cleary, Orde, Margaret, The Rosses, The Two Annes, The Dunbars, Doc McKee, Fred Collins, Mrs. Collins and Hope, J. B. Coen, Henry Ford, Apple, Sweet, Bob, Doc Ratcliffe, Bill, Edmunds and the writer.

Great bunch, great country, great fruit proposition, great climate, great trip.

We feel a little chesty because we were the first group to be entertained at our beautiful lodge. We congratulate the big party which is coming down in January to enjoy the charming atmosphere of this same lodge. But they'll have to go through the spirit of comradeship, in fact, most of it, each party must furnish for itself, but I fancy some friendly spirits will hang around the big fireplace to help all who follow us enjoy what we have enjoyed. Just for instance, take Saturday night, Dec. 18.

It was Jimmy Coen's birthday. (Notice, no "of that name".) He's an Irishman. Well, we had a celebration worthy of this big-hearted man in whose honor we met. A lot of townspeople and a commission of purchasers in the Washington company came out from Avon Park to enjoy the fun with us. Two pantomime plays were put on and then Jimmy's playmates gave him a bunch of presents, ranging from a drum to a fountain pen. And then we sang to the tune of "The Stein Song".

"For us all its fair weather, With Jimmy and us together, In our lodge 'round the fire, Where our friendships are so dear."

The party was really a double-header, for our own little Margaret Bell from the company's office, had a birthday, too, and she was showered with presents and with well wishes. What parties! Just a sample, but I think it ample to show the comradeship of the days we spent together.

LARGE PERCENTAGE OF NEW MEN IN 1921 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Manatee—J. J. Stewart, Bradenton.

Marion (2)—Nathan Mayo, Sumnerfield; Charles W. Hunter, Ocala. Monroe (2)—F. H. Ladd, J. F. Buehler, both of Key West.

Nassau—F. D. Upchurch, Ferdinand; C. C. Fuqua, Hilliard. Okaloosa—Ed Scharfchwerdt, Okaloosa City.

Orange (2)—S. S. Griffin, Orlando; A. B. Newton, Winter Garden. Osceola—W. R. Goodwin, St. Cloud. Okaloosa—J. F. Richbourg, Laurel Hill.

Pasco—W. J. Ellsworth, Blanton. Putnam (2)—Charles P. Phillips, Palatka; Henry S. McKenzie, Palatka.

Polk—S. D. Harris, St. Petersburg. Polk (2)—J. M. Keen, Lakeland; A. J. Moon, Lakeland.

Santa Rosa (2)—J. H. Harvell, John C. McRae, both of Milton. Seminole—F. P. Foster, Sanford.

St. Johns (2)—Frank M. Corbett, Moultrie; H. J. Peiper, St. Augustine. St. Lucie—A. W. Young, Vero.

Sumter—G. H. Koonce, Bushnell. Taylor—J. H. Seales, Perry.

Volusia (2)—W. H. M. Hoyle, Pine Mount; W. M. Cason, Welborn.

Volusia (2)—Howard G. Putnam, Oak Hill; Murray Sims, DeLand.

Walcala—J. A. Hagan, Arran. Walton—J. D. Raborn, DeFuniak Springs.

Washington—L. Curtis Crofton, Chinley.

NEXT SECRETARY OF WAR MAY BE AN ARMY LEDGER

It is probably the first time on record that three generals on the active list of the United States army have been seriously mentioned as prospective secretaries of war. Wiseacre, who are making up President Harding's cabinet for him, have just added Major Gen. Clarence B. Edwards, who commanded the Twenty-sixth (New England) division in France, to the names of Generals Pershing and Leonard Wood as war department possibilities after March 4th.

General Edwards, besides having the advantage of being an Ohioan, is said to have the backing of Vice-President-elect Coolidge and Senator Lodge.—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

New Pictures by Radio

"Very interesting and very important" is the way Marconi recently expressed himself regarding the transmission of photographs by radio. It appears that several systems of this kind are being worked out at present. "I have not followed the experiment, but I know it can be done," continued Marconi. "Pictures were sent over telegraph wires several years ago and that can be done by wire can be done by wireless. It will be of great interest to watch the progress made. The two chief uses to which the device can be put are the quick transmission of photographs for wherever her large camera is used to the detection of criminals.—Scientific American.

According to the Dearborn Independent, Japanese who are leaving British India because of the new alien law in that state are going into Texas, where during the last two months they have been lured by the promise of a large sum of money to purchase one-fourth of the irrigated land in the Rio Grande valley. The canal in its present state represents a capital expenditure by the United States of \$300,000,000, exclusive of the cost for its military and naval defense.

NEW YEAR GREETING

The old year is drawing to a close and soon the final entry will be made upon history's ledger. It is a book of remembrances and in it will be recorded the joys and sorrows of 365 days that have gone. The curtain will soon fall and the last act of the year will usher in new scenes, new successes, new failures, new joys and sorrows.

We hope the new year will dawn upon the people of Avon Park and vicinity with rosy promise of better things; glowing with better services to be rendered. We cannot predict what the mystic pages of the future will unfold, but we hope the record will be filled with joy and hope and promise for all, and that sorrow and disappointments will be eliminated.

A glad, new and unspoiled season is at hand. We trust it will be bright, beautiful and fair for all. And we assure our patrons and others that we shall strive in every way possible to make the new year three hundred and sixty-five prosperous and happy days for them. We shall do all in our power to render a bigger, better service, pricing our goods at the lowest possible margin of profit and rendering such service as we ourselves would like to receive.

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FLORIDA CAMPHOR GROVES PROMISE TO BE SUCCESSFUL

The following article from the New York Times will be of special interest to the people of the Sevier Highlands, where the camphor tree seems to thrive with very little care or fertilizer. In this connection, R. T. Whittall, our florist, has been supplying (gratis) camphor seed this fall to the United States botanic gardens at Washington, where they are grown in pots and tubs for decorating public buildings. Avon Park camphor trees will thus "cut a shine" in the national capital. The Times article says:

"The United States, which is the world's chief camphor consumer, hitherto has been almost entirely dependent upon imports from southern China, Japan and Formosa, which have produced virtually the entire supply of natural camphor. However, records indicate that this country may become an important producer of both natural and synthetic camphor."

"The climate in the southern part of the United States is suitable for raising camphor trees, and according to a bulletin by the National Bank of Commerce on the subject, there are experimental groves in Florida which are expected to attain commercial importance in a few years. Improved methods for distilling oil from the leaves and twigs are being developed, continues the bulletin, so as to allow periodic harvesting of the crop without destruction of the trees, as is the practice in more primitive producing countries."

"It is claimed that synthetic camphor is now being made in the United States at a cost below the price of the natural gum. The artificial product is the chemical equivalent of natural camphor and can be substituted for it in every use. There are a number of manufacturing processes, most of them involving the use of turpentine and hydrochloric acid. The principal technical difficulty encountered has been to get a product that is free from a small but undesirable residue of chlorine. Economically the high cost of turpentine has been the chief difficulty."

"Production of crude camphor for the year 1919 has been estimated at about 700,000 pounds, of whom 5,700,000 pounds came from Formosa. The United States has long been Japan's chief customer. Before the war large quantities were also sent to Great Britain, British India, France and Germany, but exports to Germany entirely stopped with the outbreak of the war and shipments to Great Britain and France fell off considerably. The United States and Japan were therefore enabled for a time to get increased quantities, but the supply has since been curtailed by the diminishing output and the growth of Japan's own domestic demand on account of a phenomenal advance of cotton and manufactured goods in Japan during the war."

"Camphor has a wide variety of uses, chiefly in medicine and the arts, particularly in the manufacture of

celluloid, which absorbs about 80 per cent of the product consumed in the United States. Celluloid, which is one-third camphor, was invented by an American in 1869."

"How to Keep From Backsliding"

What promises to be one of the most interesting sermons preached at the khaki tent will be delivered Sunday night, Dec. 26, on "How to Keep From Backsliding." It often seems easy enough to get people worked up and in the church through a rousing revival but the great problem of the churches everywhere is to keep them in the "revived" state. Mr. Walker promises to explain in his sermon why such a large percentage of church members backslide and what will prevent this.

Announcement

We are requested to announce a meeting of the Polk County No-Fence League in the council chamber Monday night, Dec. 27. The people of Avon Park, Sebring and the surrounding country, who are interested in this question are invited to be present and hear what the president of the league has to say.

Only the Dog's The motorist mopped up another mile of dusty road, turned a corner, and came up a delightful little inn. He promptly dismounted and called for a drink.

"Wait a minute and I'll get you another mug. That's Geraldine's," the boy told him.

"I don't mind," said the customer, and drained it off. "I'm proud to drink from Geraldine's mug. She's your sister, isn't she?"

"No," said the boy, "she's our dog."

—St. Augustine Record.

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