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IMPRESSIONS AVON PARK MADE UPON THE VISITING EDITORS

(Wauchula Advocate)
Saturday the DeSoto County Press Association met in Avon Park and the editors were royally entertained by the people of that flourishing little city. They were dined at the big hotel and enjoyed the excellent food and splendid service. After dinner they were taken in automobiles and shown some of the development of the fine citrus lands surrounding the Park. The writer had the pleasure of riding with County Commissioner S. P. Durrance, who also is manager of the Pittsburgh-Florida Fruit Growers' Association, and gained much information from him. His company now has over twelve hundred acres set in citrus trees and will have in forty-five hundred acres when its plans are completed. And it has about seventy-five men at work carrying out these plans—clearing land, etc.

The plan of development of the company is unusual in more ways than one. The groves are developed in as large tracts as possible, one or two sections being in a solid grove. The groves are divided and sold in five-acre tracts, and extra rows of trees being the only line between tracts. The company cares for the trees for six years and gets all the fruit they may produce in the first six years, after which the company continues to cultivate and care for the trees for sixteen years on a per cent basis. The trees now range from five years old to those just set. When a sufficient part of the groves are brought into bearing a plant will be established to use all culms and unsaleable fruit. A large part of the trees planted are grapefruit, but more recent plantings are a third grapefruit and two-thirds oranges.

The company does not allow a house to be built in the groves as it would interfere with its plan of cultivation, but it has provided beautiful building sites for its buyers on Lake Eyrl, which is on its property. This is a pretty lake almost as round as a silver dollar. The company has built a clay road around the lake and planted flowers and shrubs between the road and the water's edge. It has also built a rustic rest house and this summer expects to erect a club house, which will be an artistic log structure.

While the Pittsburgh-Florida company is doubtless the largest development company in Avon Park, there are several companies carrying on similar developments prominent among them being the Hillcrest and Brentwood companies, while individual development may be seen on every hand, and it takes no great imagination to see that the day is not far distant when the lake region will be one solid citrus grove.

To one who has been familiar with Avon Park for twenty years, the wonderful growth and business activity of the past year or two is little short of miraculous. From a quiet sleepy little village it has suddenly burst into a hustling, bustling little city with fine, substantial buildings, well-paved streets and modern improvements.

And to one who lived among the old-time citizens of the Park and loved them and knew how hard they had worked to make something out of their quiet village twenty miles from a railroad and their great faith in its future, a visit to modern Avon Park brings sadness, for many of its greatest and most faithful boosters of twenty years ago passed to the great beyond before ever seeing their hopes and dreams realized.

O. M. Crosby, the man who saw the vision and laid out Avon Park, was a quarter of a century ahead of the times and failed and was condemned, as most men are who are too far ahead of their times and is today an old man, broken in health,

spirit and finances, living a secluded life in New York.

Then there was O. B. Thatcher, who for years published the South Florida Sun, having the printing done out of town and keeping the paper up from his meager income, and Prof. E. L. Richardson, who for years kept the Park before the public by never missing a week of having a column or more of Avon Park news in the Florida Advocate. These veteran boosters of Avon Park passed to their last long sleep long before Avon Park began to grow, and Mr. and Mrs. Woodruff, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. and Mrs. Hall, Lawyer Knapp and many, many others.

The Park growing now like a green bay tree, but it has no better boosters than its old-time citizens who have passed away, nor has it any more lovable citizens than those who worked and dreamed of its possibilities twenty years ago.

(DeSoto County News)
The DeSoto County Press Association held its monthly meeting Saturday at Avon Park and was the guest of Editor George Adams of the Highlands Pilot. Those present were: President of the Association George Goolsby of the Wauchula Advocate, Stewart Hancock of the Zolfo Truth, S. A. McBride of the Arcadia Commercial Printer, Will Stevens of the Moore Haven Times, Claude C. Jones of the DeSoto County News, and George Adams of the Highlands Pilot. Editor Garrett of the Punta Gorda Herald, Shobe of the Enterprise and Walter A. Kaler of the DeSoto County News being absent.

Those gathered at the office of The Highlands Pilot, inspected The Pilot's shop and then went to the Hotel Avon, where they were served bountifully with all things good to eat. On the way to the hotel Editor Adams led the crowd to the Village Inn, where they saw a sweet potato weighing nearly 100 pounds, grown at Avon Park.

After luncheon County Commissioner S. P. Durrance took the "pencil pushers" for a joy ride through the wonderful 1,260-acre citrus grove of the Pittsburgh-Florida Fruit Growers' Association, of which Mr. Durrance is general manager. This company has a tract of 1,400 acres in one body, 1,260 acres being planted to citrus trees. The grove is three years old and it is said that it is the largest citrus grove in the world. Mr. Durrance said the company would have 4,500 acres in grove within two years.

Next Mr. Durrance carried the "bunch" to Lake Eyrl, which is located amidst the groves being developed by his company. On this lake the Pittsburgh-Florida Fruit Growers' Association will erect a large club house for the convenience of its clients, who come to Avon Park every winter. In speaking of this club house, Editor Adams said: "The erection of the club house is the outcome of a popular demand, for there is an increasing number of owners visiting Avon Park from year to year who can be entertained together under cooperative environment to better advantage. It is the company's idea to operate the club at cost, thereby giving its members the advantage of a material reduction in rates. A board of governors from among the grove owners will confer with the company on all matters pertaining to the welfare of the organization and the entertainment of visitors. Tennis and croquet grounds and boats of all kinds will be provided for the use of the guests without extra charge, and an automobile bus will make regular trips between the club house and Avon Park to meet all trains for the convenience of the members. The company also operates a small dairy, chicken

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GEORGIA MAN BUYS VALUABLE GROVE

W. P. Brooks of Macon, Ga., last week purchased through R. L. Harris the twenty-acre grove property owned by R. W. Swearingen and familiarly known as the McCartney grove. O. C. This twenty-acre ten is set to grove and the remaining ten acres ready to set. Mr. Brooks will immediately begin improving the property and expects to become a resident of Avon Park in the near future.

The sale of this property indicates clearly how Avon Park and this section of the Scenic Highlands appeals to the visitor. Mr. and Mrs. Brooks set out from Macon a short time ago for a motor trip through Florida. They had never seen an orange grove and when they left home had no idea of investing in Florida property of any kind, much less in a grove. Their trip brought them through the citrus belt, but it was not until they reached Avon Park that the lure of Florida began to take root. Here, however, the wonderful amount of development and the healthy appearance of the groves, the indications of a prosperous, healthy and growing community so strongly appealed to them that the desire to own a home and grove in this land of opportunity impelled them to purchase the property mentioned for a permanent home here.

MAY ORGANIZE COOPER CLUB AT SARASOTA

Hon. Frank M. Cooper of Punta Gorda, a candidate for election to this district, was visitor to the city Tuesday in the interest of his candidacy. Mr. Cooper called at the Times office and while making his visit stated that he was in favor of the "no-fence" law proposed by the No-Fence League, and that he is in favor of the people of the district affected voting on the question of county division where they so desire, stating that these are democratic principles and that he is an old-time democrat.

Mr. Cooper seems to have made a very favorable impression on the voters in this section, so favorable, in fact, that a movement to organize a Cooper club in this district has been mentioned by a number of prominent citizens.—Sarasota Times.

Bought Hart Property
H. C. Hinton has purchased the S. Y. Hart property in North Avon Park and moved his family there.

LARGE CROWD HEARS SENATOR FLETCHER DELIVER ABLE ADDRESS

Senator Duncan U. Fletcher spoke here Wednesday night to one of the largest audiences that ever greeted a public speaker in Avon Park. The skating rink, in which revival meetings have been held for the last two weeks, was generously given up by those in charge of the meetings for this occasion, and before the time announced for the Senator Fletcher to begin his speaking had arrived, every seat was filled and nearly every available inch of standing room occupied by an eager and expectant crowd of intelligent men and women, anxious to hear and see Florida's foremost statesman.

Senator Fletcher did not disappoint his audience. He spoke at length upon what he had accomplished since being sent to Washington to represent Florida in the upper house, explaining in detail how bills were introduced and passed and showing the utter impossibility of his opponent accomplishing certain things he has promised to do if elected. He also gave a good horse in the middle of the stream for a jackass.

In his arraignment of his opponent Senator Fletcher did not resort to vilification or innuendo, but in clear-cut terms and unmistakable language proved

COMMITTEE NAMED FOR THE CAMPAIGN

The following are the campaign committees that have been appointed for Avon Park to look after the interests of this city and section during the remainder of the campaign and on the day of the primary election, June 8:

Executive: C. E. Lanier
George P. Kellogg
W. M. Adams
R. O. Slipp
D. D. Roberts
O. E. Wolf
Finance: C. E. Lanier
R. L. Harris
T. M. Stiver
J. J. McGowan
W. A. Roberts
M. T. Whidden
Poll Taxes: S. H. Stadden
H. F. Rock
M. T. Whidden
S. T. Durran
N. H. Trent
R. L. Harris
L. D. Williams
William King

It is needless to say that every member of these committees is intrusted with an important duty and it is to be hoped will give his best attention to the work, in order that we may poll a full vote and work for the future interests of Avon Park and this portion of the Scenic Highlands.

LARGE VARIETY OF FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

E. D. Putney informs us that he has a raspberry bush growing on his place that is loaded with fruit. He estimates the quantity at not less than a bushel. The bush covers an area of about sixteen feet of ground and is fully fourteen feet high. Mr. Putney also has at the present time ripe strawberries, huckleberries, mulberries, peaches, cantaloupes and ripe watermelons. In vegetables he has growing in his garden beans, lettuce, onions, cabbage, cucumbers, squash, celery, collards, turnips, mustard, Irish and sweet potatoes, beets and sweet corn. There is plenty of good trucking land in and near Avon Park where all of the above products can be grown profitably, although we do not claim that our citrus land is adaptable for these crops.

Improved Freight Service
The Atlantic Coast Line has given us a little improvement in the freight service by putting on an extra from Haines City to Sebring. This new train will do all the switching and handle the through loads, leaving the local traffic to the local train, which will probably permit of the latter getting here somewhere near on time. The new train was put on Monday.

beyond the shadow of doubt the absurdity, the falsity, the shallowness of Governor Catts' claims.

Senator Fletcher touched upon the chief executive's record as governor of this great state, showing how the burden of taxation had been nearly doubled since Catts was elected, how commissions had been created to build up a powerful political machine to further his (Catts') own personal ambitions and how he (Catts) had proven unfaithful to his trust to such an extent that he had been repudiated by the legislature of the state.

Senator Fletcher's speech was a masterpiece and created an impression upon his large audience that will be shown in the overwhelming majority of votes to be cast here June 8.

Paving Zolfo's Streets

One hundred and sixteen thousand brick for the street paving have arrived and are being unloaded and placed along the street for the use of the contractors. This is a little more than half of the required number necessary, and the balance is expected to arrive in a few days. The construction of the curb and gutter began this week.—Zolfo Truth.

"SAWGRASS" SAULS EMULATES THE GOVERNOR'S UNCOUTH HARANGUES

A large crowd of office-seekers and a small crowd of voters gathered at the Charley, between Zolfo and Crewsville, last Saturday, the former to present their claims as to why they should be the nominees for the various "most important" offices at the disposal of the voters and the latter to partake of the excellent dinner prepared for the occasion and incidentally to hear what the candidates had to say for themselves.

Before dinner was announced there was the usual buttonholing of the voters by the candidates—the former being so much in the majority that it is a wonder there were any buttonholes left in the clothing of the latter—each telling how superior were his qualifications to those of his opponent, and each promising, if elected, to remedy every undesirable condition and administer public affairs in such a manner as would cause the taxpayers to wonder why in the world these bright luminaries had remained undiscovered until the present time.

But it was an enjoyable picnic, just the same, for, besides the candidates and voters, there was a fair sprinkling of handsome and intelligent ladies present, who were responsible for the most enjoyable portion of the occasion—the sumptuous dinner served under the spreading oaks and consisting of every thing imaginable to eat prepared in superabundance and augmented by oodles of salt-water mullet, fried to a turn by those master hands in the art of fried fish, Messrs. Dees and Barwick.

After dinner the candidates were given their innings. Attorney S. D. Williams of Wauchula was the chairman of the meeting—and he proved to be the right man in the right place, for his introductory remarks and an occasional appropriate story brought forth no little applause from the assemblage.

Each candidate present, with the exception of the candidates for sheriff, was given an opportunity to address the voters, and they were not slow in proceeding with their spellbinding oratory. The speeches were in the following order:

For the office of supervisor of registration—Reul Platt and William McGhee.

For county commissioner, district No. 5—A. S. Wallace. (His opponents, James Carlton and Fitz Williams, were not present.)

For member board of public instruction, district No. 1—W. R. Gramling. (J. B. Peden, whom we understand has announced, was not present.)

For county judge—J. Irvin Walden and Ingram P. Barlow.

For tax collector—C. F. Hull and V. O. Fussell.

For tax assessor—Capt. J. H. Whidden and C. A. (Art) Crews.

For superintendent of public instruction—Prof. P. G. Shaver and W. E. Bell.

For county clerk—A. L. Durrance and L. W. Whitehurst.

Then came the most important of all—the candidates for representative—one of them running on a well-defined platform of dividing DeSoto county into five parts, creating four new counties, as outlined by the county division committee, the other with no platform at all, except catering to the interests of a small coterie of cattlemen and political leeches. These candidates were Dr. E. J. Etheredge of DeSoto City and J. L. ("Sawgrass") Sauls. The latter was given the first inning, and after an attempt to explain his platform ("?"), with which I was entirely unfamiliar, reading it over in a stumbling manner, showing that it must have been written for him, he launched forth in a tirade of vilification of his opponent and every man connected with the

county division movement. He referred to the county division committee as "the underground committee gang or ring," calling its members bums, traitors, criminals, thieves, robbers, etc., and designating their purpose as "the most preposterous thing ever attempted." He stated that they were all crazy when this movement was started and were a set of maniacs who held their meetings behind barred doors. In referring to the meeting recently held at Moore Haven he stated that Capt. J. J. O'Brien was as "crazy an idiot or lunatic as ever escaped a madhouse" and referred to one of Sebring's most respected citizens, Fairfax Evans, as "a principles and warlike-headed chap." Even the ladies of Moore Haven did not escape the abuse of this political scapegrace, chosen as a last resort to represent the interests of those who have so long controlled the politics of DeSoto county and sucked at the teat of public pay and graft until the old cow has nearly run dry.

"Sawgrass" in his flamboyant and boastful so-called speech related a few coarse and time-worn stories, entirely irrelevant to the issues, and was disgusted the audience, as well as making himself appear more ridiculous than at the time when he was answered by the poor cattleherd who branded him as a toy pistol instead of a big gun.

His tirade was what might have been expected from a man devoid of the principles of a gentleman and the tool of a set of selfish men, whose chestnuts he would pull out of the fire—had he the ability.

He failed to make a single point in his rambling discourse, every sentence of which was followed by exhortation, reminding one of an old tomcat, its back arched and fur standing on end, spitting at a well-bred colt, too intelligent to notice such an inferior animal.

The discourse of his opponent was entirely the opposite and was delivered in a quiet, gentlemanly and unassuming manner. Dr. Etheredge picked Mr. Sauls' remarks to pieces in such an able manner that he made a favorable impression upon every one of his hearers. He did not resort to abuse or vilification, but clearly stated the position of the district and then proceeded to demonstrate that their cause was just and right and if won would result beneficially to all parts of the county. He proved conclusively that taxes would not be increased by the creation of four new counties and that, on the other hand, enough money would be saved by those having business to transact at the county seats to pay a goodly portion of their taxes.

In drawing a comparison between the two candidates, one could not help being favorably impressed with Dr. Etheredge. In language, logic, hearing and every other way he outshone his opponent, and if he failed to convert any of the anti-divisionists present, he at least convinced them that he was a gentleman in every sense of the word and thoroughly competent to represent DeSoto county in the next legislature.

Owing to threatening weather, many who had long distances to drive left early and did not hear the closing speeches of the candidates for representative.

Thirtieth Times

Monday William King showed us a sample of some Thirtieth Times he is shipping to a friend. The trees which bore this fruit bloomed October 1, and as this is one of the most tender of citrus fruits, it is surprising that the trees passed through our last winter unharmed and bore fruit of the finest quality and extraordinary large size in May. It is pretty good evidence of the adaptability of our climate and soil to the most tender tropical fruits.

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WHY MR. DRANE FOR RE-ELECTION?

The DeSoto County News is for Herbert J. Drane for re-election to congress from the old First district. It has nothing against his opponent, Mr. Wilder, any more than has the Tribune. We regard George Wilder as a good son of Florida, and a good citizen and neighbor. We regard Mr. Drane as a good congressman and the one needed now in that place.

The Tribune regards Mr. Drane as one of the safest men in Washington. He is cool, calculating, collected, intelligent and full of the spirit of win, when he is on the road to accomplishment. His short time of service has marked him in Washington as a man who can be counted on for faithfulness, and work. His committee calls have found him in place while his attention to routine matters has never been slighted because it was routine. His accomplishments are all that could be expected and desired, and the test of his acceptance to the people is in the fact that today they are practically solid in demand for his return, even though his presence in his district has been limited to few and short stays.

Following is an editorial expression of confidence and love for Mr. Drane, taken from the DeSoto County News of last November. It is so good and so true of the man that it should be republished for the sake of his whole constituency, and for that reason it is given this morning. The News says:

"Herbert J. Drane, Florida's ablest representative in the halls of congress of the United States was a visitor in Arcadia this week. He is a man whose heart sympathizes with the ills of all humanity and his kindness is beyond computation. His charity indeed covereth a multitude of the sins of humanity. Mr. Drane is in politics, yet is not a politician. You never hear him mention politics. He is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow. He is the same genial, friendly man whether you meet him on the winding trail in the flat woods or in busy Washington. A warm handshake and a pleasant smile will greet you in either place. Should you meet him in the capital he will gladly show you the sights, the wonders and the landmarks. He is a forcible, logical speaker and uses the conversational style of oratory. The dullest subject is interesting when Mr. Drane is speaking. He is a capital story teller and has a rich fund of anecdote which always assures him an eager audience whenever he feels in the mood

to engage in conversation, and he is usually in that mood. When one has business that needs the help of the 'powers that be' in Washington Mr. Drane is ready and willing to serve. Once when we were not a voter, we asked Mr. Drane to help a neighbor get his rights in Washington, adding that we had no right to ask favors of him. He promptly attended to the business and wrote a very kind letter in which he stated that any man in Florida had a right to ask his assistance as that is what he is there for. Another time we needed help at Washington and Mr. Drane did not fail us, but did all in his power to assist us. Mr. Drane has a heart, large and sympathetic. One time he met a man in uniform. The man was all drawn out of shape and his arm twisted. Mr. Drane went to him and asked what was the matter. The soldier said that he had been afflicted with spinal meningitis. Mr. Drane asked him why he did not write to the congressman from his state and have him assist him to get cured. 'It would do no good,' said the soldier; 'he is a republican and I am a democrat.' Mr. Drane secured the soldier's name and home address and took the matter up with the soldier's home congressman. Months after that Mr. Drane had a caller—he was a healthy-looking, husky young American. He told Mr. Drane that he was the soldier who had been drawn out of shape by meningitis. His home congressman acted, got him sent to a recreation camp and he recovered his health and had come to thank Mr. Drane for his assistance. This story did not come from Mr. Drane, but it is just to illustrate his kindly heart and willingness to serve humanity.

"These are some of the reasons why the News is not supporting Wilder. We like Mr. Wilder and he, also, is a good man, but we believe that Florida would make a big mistake to fail, at this time, to return Herbert J. Drane to Washington and to congress. We believe that the people are too wise to make this mistake and we feel that Mr. Drane's re-election is sure."—Tampa Tribune.

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Notice is hereby given that J. B. Williams, purchaser of Tax Certificate No. 122, dated July 3, 1911, has filed said certificate in my office, and has made application for tax deed to issue in accordance with law. Said certificate embraces the following described property situated in DeSoto County, Florida, to-wit:

NW 1/4 of SW 1/4 and SW 1/4 of NW 1/4, Sec. 25, T. 40, R. 2, E. 2, the said land being assessed at the date of the issuance of such certificate in the name of W. K. Dismore.

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, tax deed will thereon on the 15th day of June, A. D. 1920.

Witness my official signature and seal this 6th day of May, A. D. 1920.

Clerk Circuit Court of DeSoto County, Florida. By J. A. Hendry, D. C.

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TELEPHONE No. 29

Which ticket will Catts run on when he is defeated in the primaries?

We don't think DeSoto county is ready for a "no-fence" yet, but if Manatee county wants such a law Manatee county should have it.

At the picnic at the Charley last Saturday it was surprising to note how the many candidates praised their opponents, instead of throwing mud.

If the anti-divisionists are so cocksure the legislature will turn down any proposal to divide DeSoto county into five parts, why are they spending their good money to prevent the election of division candidates?

We didn't quite get what it was "Sawgrass" Sauls said would cause him to "ret his gun and go out and kill a man," but we're going to gently remind him that it is "the threatened dog which lives the longest."

Just remember that the creation of four new counties will not add a burden to the taxpayers in county officials. They are paid in fees, not salaries. The only county official drawing a salary is the county superintendent.

County division on the five-county plan is the platform on which Dr. E. J. Etheredge is making his race for representative. But that will not prevent him from working for any other constructive measures that will benefit the people of old DeSoto.

"Sawgrass" Sauls in his speech at the Charley last Saturday gave a vivid picture of the insane asylum at Chattahoochee. In fact, it was so vivid that we are inclined to think he might have been in Chattahoochee when he was supposed to have been in the oil fields of Texas.

"Sawgrass" Sauls has proven he is an educated man. At the Charley Saturday he proved that he had had the multiplication table as far as "five times five," but in his ridiculous attempt to prove that county division would multiply the taxes by five he was a miserable failure.

With her thousands of acres of citrus groves now coming into bearing and being planted, Highlands county will soon have a taxable value that will astonish even our own people. Naturally, the political aspirants at the county election are anxious to do as much as they can to increase the value of the county, for it does not want to relinquish the handling of that money.

Let us inform Brother Stevens of the Moore Haven Times that Sebring and Avon Park have never fallen out over the county commissioner, and Avon Park has never been here for the purpose of asking Sebring to take her candidate down. Sebring has no "trick" "as usual," according to the Times, to "take everything." We are in sympathy with Moore Haven people in many ways.—Sebring White Way.

How many men in DeSoto county want to merge this county with Manatee and give it as it was before that county was divided? Not even the anti-divisionists would favor the idea. It would be just as fair to ask the people living in Arcadia and elsewhere on the west side of this county to go to Bradenton to transact business at the county seat as to ask people living in Moore Haven, Sebring, Avon Park or elsewhere in the east side of the county to go to Arcadia.

The voters of DeSoto county would make no mistake in electing W. E. Bell as county superintendent of public instruction. Mr. Bell is demonstrating his ability everywhere he speaks and we believe is capable of rendering efficient service and advancing the educational interests of the county. He promises, if elected, to personally visit the schools, no matter how remote, and to do everything in his power to place our school system on a higher plane. We shall give Mr. Bell our vote and know of many others here who will do likewise.

Seventy mills taxation in DeSoto county. Is there a no-fence in the state paying that much?

DeSoto county has eight well-edited, well-printed newspapers. Six of them are for county division, one against, and one has not declared.

Better roads, better schools, better conditions, and the full benefit of your tax money will obtain if DeSoto county is divided as proposed by the divisionists.

With John A. Graham in the senate and "Sawgrass" Sauls in the house of representatives, DeSoto county would be in very much the same position as in Florida with her present governor.

To hear the candidates tell it, every office from supervisor of registration to state senator, is the most important office within the gift of the voters. We are glad each candidate realizes the position he seeks is an important one.

Did you ever serve on a jury in DeSoto county? If so, did it not cost you at least twice as much as you received, not counting your valuable time, to perform that duty? Remedy the situation by voting for county division and getting a court house nearer home.

The "no-fence" law, as proposed by the No-Fence League, is as fair as any law ever written upon our statute books. It leaves the matter up to the majority of the voters. In other words, it cannot be enforced in a county where the majority of the taxpayers do not favor it.

Lost — A peculiar looking Catts. He was last seen May 1, 1920, at Wakulla, where he was caught in a political cyclone and carried toward the sea (of oblivion) at a very rapid rate of speed. Any one finding the remains please report to the zoo at Tallahassee and receive reward.—DeSoto County News.

At the picnic held at the Charley last Saturday we were informed that Major John A. Graham declares himself in favor of a no-fence law when speaking in Manatee county and takes the opposite side when in DeSoto. Manateans need not depend too much on Mr. Graham as a no-fence man, for it is a well-known fact that he was brought out by the cattlemen of DeSoto county.

In this issue will be found the announcement of the Hon. J. Irvin Walden, who seeks the nomination for county judge. Judge Walden was appointed to his present position when the Hon. George W. Whitehurst was elected circuit judge and has since filled the position in an able manner. He asks a thorough investigation of his record and seeks a full term on the strength of the manner in which he has conducted the office.

Pat Bannon, candidate for state senator from Polk county, has a plank in his platform that every newspaper in the state should insist being placed in the platforms of the candidates for representative and state senator from their counties or districts. It reads: "I stand for a law that will protect the public press against libel for publishing the truth about any lawbreaker or defaulter in office, etc. I am certain, light let in, the most of the darkness would disappear, and those defaulters and crooked politicians, etc., would become scarce. The truth ought not hurt or be despised by honest, law-abiding citizens."

Do we need county division? Start at 6:50 a. m. by rail to Arcadia. You get an all-day ride and half the night and land in Arcadia at 11 p. m. If you had been traveling to Jacksonville you would have completed your journey in one-half the time it took you to get to your own dear county seat. Yet these fellows up here say we cannot have division now, as they are not quite ready to let us go in peace. Arcadians, do you remember what happened to the hosts of Pharaoh when he refused to let the children of Israel go? Well, the same thing will happen to you if you harden your hearts as he did. There will be all kinds of fun and some nice mixed together if you let us have your division. Better take warning.—Moore Haven Times.

ASPIRANTS FOR STATE OFFICE

James E. Calkins, who for sixteen years has been one of the most able members of the Florida legislature, and who during the last session was president of the senate, was in Avon Park Monday. Mr. Calkins is a candidate for attorney general, and we know of no man who would fill the office more satisfactorily. He is a man of unquestioned ability and integrity and his record in the legislature will bear the closest scrutiny. Mr. Calkins stands for progress. He has never tolerated sectionalism. He believes in a fair and impartial administration of the laws, and elected attorney general, may be depended upon to put forth his utmost endeavor to protect the interests of the state and the individual.

His standing in the community in which he lives is attested to by the fact that he has thrice been elected as mayor of Fernandina and his ability vouched for in the fact that he was appointed sole commissioner to revise the laws of Florida in 1915 and Calkins' Revision adopted by the legislature of 1919. Another thing that will greatly interest a majority of the voters of DeSoto county is the fact that Senator Calkins has never opposed the county division bills. He will make a splendid attorney general.

Allie J. Angle, candidate for commissioner, also was here Monday (in full uniform). Allie says his trip overseas has driven away the political "jinx" that has been following him so long and that he is in the running. He is a good campaigner and has been actively engaged in the political battles of the state for a number of years. While we believe Mr. Angle would make a good commissioner, we know his opponent, the Hon. Ernest Amos, is making good, and we are not in favor of swapping horses in the middle of the stream. Mr. Amos gets our support.

W. S. McLin, candidate for the office of state treasurer, was among the political visitors in Avon Park Monday. Mr. McLin is a native of Lake county, having been raised in Unadilla. He is an expert accountant, is capable, energetic and absolutely honest—qualifications highly essential in the office he seeks. You will make no mistake when you cast your vote for Mr. McLin.

GROSS NEGLIGENCE

On April 27 Governor Sidney J. Catts visited the city of Brooksville in behalf of his candidacy for United States senator. He stopped at the Southern hotel while there. Just before leaving he approached the proprietor of the hotel, complaining him on the sanitary condition of the hotel and asked the amount of his bill. The proprietor thanked him for his compliment and told him his bill was \$6. The governor said, "Six dollars. Why, I am accustomed to having my board given to me." The proprietor replied by "cussing" him out and insisting upon payment of the bill. The governor wrote out a check on the Capital City bank of Tallahassee, and just above his signature he added these words: "Board and lodging—shabby." As he left the hotel it is reported that he threatened to send one of his hotel inspectors around later to close the place up. Such action is consistent with Catts. We see no reason why Catts should have written the word "shabby" after "board and lodging" unless it was because the proprietor of the hotel neglected to put a box of sand in the Catts room.—DeSoto County News.

J. B. Peden of our city has announced himself as a candidate for the county school board from this district. Mr. Peden is capable and trustworthy and can be relied upon to do his best in any position of public trust in which he is placed.

"Sawgrass" Sauls says he wants to be buried with his family and neighbors when he leaves this terrestrial sphere. His political grave has been dug and it will take a whole lot of lying to keep him from being buried in it June 8.

For Sale—On account of leaving Avon Park June 1 to look after other interests which I have, I will offer for sale for the next two weeks my new bug-a-bug, after which time it will not be on the market. A. M. McAuley, Avon Park, Fla.

If you want to buy or sell real estate, see P. M. Stiver

ONE-ACRE LOTS

TEN AND TWENTY-ACRE PLOTS

Overlooking Lake Byrd, Lake Brentwood and Lakes Damon and Pythias.

E. D. PUTNEY

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEMBER OF SCHOOL BOARD

I hereby announce myself a candidate for member of the County School Board, subject to the action of the Democratic primary vote and influence are respectfully solicited. J. E. GIDEN.

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GET THE HABIT

Get the habit of paying your bills by check. It is the only safe way, as your paid check is a receipt that is indisputable. You cannot pay by check unless you have a checking account. Start a checking account today; pay every bill by check. You will be astonished to see how much you have saved during the month, besides having absolutely protected yourself against the possibility of paying a bill twice. It's one of the best habits you can form.

FIVE PER CENT PAID ON SAVINGS DEPOSITS

First National Bank

LOCAL AND PERSONAL MENTION

If you want to buy a home, see Stivender.

Mrs. F. P. Reeves spent Saturday in Tampa.

J. R. Jack of Boca Grande spent Sunday here, the guest of his daughter Myrtle.

Cole Godwin, who had been in Fort Meade for some time, returned to Avon Park Saturday.

W. A. Roberts and family were Crewsville visitors Sunday, guests of George Collier and family.

Mrs. E. N. Dickinson and daughter Iris left Saturday for Eau Gallie, where they will spend a couple of weeks visiting relatives.

J. B. Peden went to Red Hills Tuesday to look after his watermelon crop. He has twenty acres planted and an interest in forty-five additional acres there.

Van Crews and family of Crewsville were guests of H. G. Crapo and sister the fore part of the week. Mr. Crews brought in a couple of ripe watermelons from his farm.

Among the delegates to the democratic state convention of the state of Missouri, held at Joplin April 22, we notice the name of Mrs. W. A. Marshall, one of our winter residents. This convention was held for the purpose of selecting delegates to the national convention to be held in San Francisco June 28.

Don't Always Blame Hens When Eggs Are Scarce

Rats may be getting them—U. S. government bulletins prove they know how to get them. Break a cake of RAT-SNAP into small pieces and place where rats travel. If there, RAT-SNAP will get them—positively. Three sizes, 25c, 50c, \$1.00. Sold and guaranteed by F. C. Rae, Avon Park Drug Company, Park Mercantile Company.

Pee Gee Paint

THE KIND THAT LASTS

When you paint that new house, use something that will stand this climate. See Seaverns for prices and color cards

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ROOFING OF ALL GRADES
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On Short Notice

I. M. WADE

Lake Wales

Florida

Real estate.—P. M. Stivender.

Alton Holt spent a couple of days in Tampa last week.

M. W. Lance made a business trip to Lake Wales Monday.

V. E. Sapp was a business visitor to Haines City Wednesday.

Alderman Williams is serving on the jury in Arcadia this week.

A. Branning of Waverly was here Monday looking after his grove interests.

News reached here from Tampa last Friday of the death of Mrs. Paul Krause.

Deputy Sheriff J. E. Albritton of Moore Haven was transacting business here Wednesday.

Miss Edith Yonally of Winter Haven is the guest of her cousin, Mrs. J. V. Chapman.

H. L. Pentacost of Dickson, Tenn., arrived in Avon Park Tuesday for an indefinite stay.

Col. and Mrs. M. A. Wilson of Fort Meade were guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Roberts Sunday.

L. M. Marsh, Fred Crews, D. V. Rouse and Ray Marsh spent a few days on the east coast this week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wilson of the Maud settlement spent Sunday here, guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Godwin.

W. H. Thompson, father of the Rev. C. B. Thompson, purchased the Henry Fox property in North Avon Park.

Miss Lillian Dilley entertained her Sunday school class Tuesday, picnicking on the shores of Lake Tulane, at the home of Mrs. C. L. Fairbanks.

"The Zims," a seventeen-acre tract of valuable land on Lake Lotela, owned by W. W. Gaylord, was sold last week through the agency of M. W. Lance.

Leo F. Johnson, manager of the Florida Office Supply Company, Tampa, was a business visitor here Monday and Tuesday. He made this office a pleasant call.

Cyril Baldwin has sold his thirty-five-acre grove on Lake Glensada to Roberts Bros. & Johnson. This is one of the finest grove properties in that section of the Scenic Highlands.

An item overlooked last week was a trip by Mayor and Mrs. William King to St. Petersburg. After leaving home they remembered that it was their thirty-ninth wedding anniversary.

For Sale—Pair 6-year-old mules, weight about 1150 pounds; also good two-horse wagon and harness, \$775; a bargain; would consider trade for Ford. W. W. Gaylord, Avon Park.

W. M. Reek left for Jacksonville Sunday to attend the annual convocation of the grand chapter, Royal Arch Masons, and business matters pertaining to securing a charter for Highlands chapter, of which he is the excellent high priest.

D. C. Gillette, accompanied by a party of Tampa business men, was here Saturday attending to business matters. Our town and the surrounding country made a most favorable impression on every member of the party. From here they drove to Sebring, accompanied by Mark Lance.

In behalf of Senator Fletcher and the citizens of Avon Park we desire to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to Rev. A. D. Buck and Rev. W. A. Fischer for their unselfish generosity in tendering the use of the skating rink to Senator Fletcher Wednesday night. This was a most thoughtful act and was entirely voluntary on the part of these ministers, who are holding revival services in the rink. It is such unselfish acts as these, actuated by a real consideration—for others, that makes for a better town, and if we will all follow this excellent example, it will not be long before Avon Park will reap an abundant harvest.

Wood Wanted
We want to contract with some reliable person to furnish wood for the Florida Ice and Power Company's plant at Avon Park; some one who can keep us supplied at all times. For particulars see T. W. Lawton, local manager, Avon Park, Fla.

The Place WHITE DRY GOODS CO.

A moment's comparison of prices and quality will show you where in Avon Park you will find the real values

Remember, there are scores of other price-comparing savings not mentioned here, in which the savings are equally as great; these are not specials, but prices that prevail every day in the week at our place, and you are loser if you don't drop in and examine the quality before you buy

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Mrs. T. H. Lander spent Tuesday in Tampa.

C. E. Lanier and T. H. Lander spent Saturday in Tampa.

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Hall spent the week-end with relatives in Makkah.

George Smith of Wauchula was a pleasing business visitor here Tuesday.

Mayor William King is having his house repainted. He has recently added another story to same.

Lawton Dutton, Olen Clarke and Kyle Williams visited Bartow and Egypt Springs Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. T. H. Dardy left Tuesday morning for New York city, where she was called to the bedside of her sister.

Orange groves, truck lands, turpentine lands, timber lands, improved and unimproved properties. P. M. Stivender.

Mrs. J. T. Murrish, Mrs. Ethel Jenks and Mayor and Mrs. William King spent Thursday of last week in Arcadia.

Mrs. A. Ellison and little son Byron spent the week-end in Winter Haven, where Mrs. Ellison attended the commencement exercises.

Mrs. Harry Woodruff and daughter, Mrs. Margaret Boardman, spent the week in Orlando, the guests of Mrs. David Laycock (nee Miss Ruth Hendrix).

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Skipper, Bill Falls, Raleigh Skipper, W. O. Spear, Florence Hart, Alice Dutton and Bertha Cameron enjoyed a few days this week at Arbuckle lake, fishing and camping.

Garner Hill, Gladstone, N. J., Sells Rat-Snap. He Says:

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A Nation-Wide Celebration

The morning of Monday, May 24, marks the opening of the nation-wide

Sunshine Biscuits Week

During this week Loose-Wiles Biscuit Company will co-operate with dealers in "Sunshine Biscuits" in displaying the wide variety of "Sunshine Biscuits." "Sunshine Biscuits" Week was planned so that you might become more familiar with "Sunshine Biscuits." Look for the "Sunshine" rack at our store. It features an appetizing assortment of "Sunshine Biscuits." It shows that there are "Sunshine Biscuits" for every meal—every day.

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AVON PARK'S PIONEER DAYS

By SAMUEL D. LEE

(Continued from Last Week)

The first winter the hotel was operated it was conducted by Mr. and Mrs. Nettleton; the second winter by T. M. McCreary of the James hotel, Ashland, Ohio, and the third winter by M. T. Merwin.

It ought to be said in justice to Mr. Nettleton's great ingenuity that he not only built the hotel, but all the furniture excepting the chairs that were in it from the day it was opened until after it became the property of Dr. McCreary in 1900—the bedsteads, bureaus, washstands and tables.

Those first three winters were mild, the table was generously supplied, the people gathered there seemed unusually companionable, and nearly every evening several tables of whist were in play on the east veranda, the light being furnished by two locomotive headlights.

Speaking of the table, it is, in these days of high prices, worth nothing that the rates were \$1 a day and \$6 a week to those who bought land, with free transportation to and from the railroad at Fort Meade. Although Fort Meade was benefiting largely from the prosperity of Avon Park, as all commerce of the new town, as well as travelers to and from it, passed through the older place, a considerable emulity developed. Travelers bound for the Park were obliged to stop over night in Fort Meade, and many were advised and sometimes urged to go no further; and Mr. Crosby's little paper was derisively referred to as the "Homesucker." That this attitude had root in jealousy is a fair supposition. However, it is certain that the "sand hills" had always been shunned by the

Floridian as a section where it was impossible to make a living, and it is no far-fetched supposition that these warnings were sometimes given in good faith. But even those honest persons might have been answered by one of their own brethren, "Bill" Kendrick, as everybody knew him, a remarkably successful land seller, who came from the neighborhood of Brooksville, and held forth in Jacksonville in the seventies and eighties, who replied to a complaint that certain tract of land was poor, "Good heavens, man; I am not selling you the land; I'm selling climate, and that is worth \$100 an acre and I ask you only \$10."

Avon Park was founded as a prohibition colony. "No liquor, no negroes and no malaria" was the shibboleth constantly reiterated in the Crosby advertisements, reinforced by a clause in all the deeds given by the development company for bidding.

In a copy of the Homeseeker for January, 1892, which I have before me, there is a list of improved property in section 22, among which is the following: On Verona avenue, an acre lot adjoining the hotel grounds, in fruit, owned by Dr. Chase; one lot on the west side and one on the east, David Boynton; three lots, J. N. Wheeler; one lot, Mark Wood; one lot, I. N. Wilbur (Mr. Wilbur immediately built the house and sold it to Mrs. Crosby and it is now owned by Colonel Carmody); one lot, Dr. Marcellus; one lot, E. D. Putney; one lot, George Edmiston (Mr. Edmiston soon afterward bought the fifteen-acre tract north of Verona and built a handsome house, which burned after the property passed into the hands of John and Charles Burke); on other streets there were improved lots, one, F. H. Nettleton. Mr. Nettleton built his home before beginning work on the hotel, the cottage that burned in April, 1916, while the property of Samuel Dailey; one lot, Miss Mary Holmes, with house, and still owned by her; one, Mr. Danforth; four, D. H. Kelly; one, E. H. Granger; one, with house, Frances Granger; one, E. H. Morgan; five, Hill; one, S. S. Turner; three, Mrs. Stevenson; two, Annie E. Rae; two, William King; one, with home, Dr. Kittell; one, Rev. Kyle; three, Mr. Leslie, and four tracts improved, the owners' names not given.

The three houses belonging to the company, north of Tulane, were occupied by D. D. Kinney, J. B. MacDonald and Judge Stohrs. In section 23, Mrs. Beecher had built two houses, put out ten acres in fruit trees; Rev. Hayter had bought forty acres and built on the east shore of Verona; H. A. Kellogg, ten acres, partly planted, and home; E. H. Bristol, ten acres, two in bearing orange trees; F. E. Spearling, forty acres in bearing orange trees; J. C. Davis, ten acres, five planted, with home; D. E. Rogers, ten acres, five planted; M. J. O'Connor, ten acres, one planted; James Trub-

shaw, ten acres, one planted; Dr. H. M. Caldwell, forty acres, five planted; A. E. Bester, ten acres, one planted, with house.

In section 24, J. D. Johnstone, 194 acres, forty planted; John Cook, forty acres, three planted (Mr. Cook immediately built what was then considered the handsomest house in town, with the only brick chimney in the place, the brick being brought from Bartow, now owned by Henry Stevenson); George L. White, ten acres, five planted; John L. Stoddard, ten acres, two planted.

In section 27, Taft & Walker, fifty acres, forty planted, three houses; Frances Granger, ten acres planted; Dr. D. W. Davies, ten acres planted; William Krause, twenty-two acres, six ten planted, with house; W. H. Hampton, thirty-one acres, twenty planted; J. D. MacDonald, sixty-six acres, twenty planted.

In section 28, Aaron Bassett, ten acres planted, with house; William Hampton, Jr., ten acres planted.

In section 13, D. H. Van Buren, fifteen acres planted, with house; Frank Thompson, twenty acres planted, with house; Mr. Biglow, ten acres, with house; J. C. Burleigh, sawmill, lumber yard, two houses.

In section 14, Mr. Doolittle, twenty acres, five planted; Ernest Klautt, ten acres, two planted; Arthur Pointevine, ten acres, two planted, with house; George Warr, ten acres, with house; G. W. Bacon, six acres planted; Dr. D. A. Chase, sixteen acres planted; I. N. Wilbur, fifty acres planted; C. C. Gordon, ten acres planted.

In section 15, C. C. Gordon, ten acres, five planted; Mr. Bourne, ten acres planted; and in section 10, Barnett & Williams, 160 acres, partly planted, with two houses; E. H. Thompson, 160 acres, ten planted; Mr. Shaw, 160 acres, with house.

In section 11, W. B. Oliver, thirty acres, nineteen planted; S. S. Turner, ten acres, five cleared; George E. Wray, twenty acres, with house; George H. Bunbury, sixty acres, with house.

Among those whose names are not in the above list, which as well as the unsatisfactory way in which the roster is made out, fairly indicates the careless method of Mr. Crosby, and accounts in part for the ultimate failure of himself and his company, was Perry Haynes, a carpenter from Rochester, who built himself a house near the Kinney acre and was the carpenter on many other buildings in town; Sidney Perkins, who bought ten acres between what is now the Durrance nursery and the Smith place on Viola, two acres of which he put into pineapples, which were shredded; Major Clark of Cleveland, who bought the ten acres now owned by Eugene Woodruff, five of which he put in pineapples under shed, besides building the house wherein he lived winters; George W. Partridge,

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