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Cut DeSoto Into Five Counties and All Will Prosper

We frequently hear men say they are in favor of dividing DeSoto county north and south, but are opposed to the five-county plan of division as outlined by the county division campaign committee.

Now, let us calmly and deliberately consider this question for a few moments, carefully weighing the arguments for and against the five-county plan.

In the first place, there are four sections of DeSoto county in which the majority of the voters and taxpayers want counties of their own. Some of these sections have for years been fighting for county division. They have been mainly opposed by Arcadia politicians, a few large selfish interests and an abstracting concern, as well as by a majority of the voters of the eastern half of the county. These latter felt that division as outlined heretofore, dividing the county into three east and west sections, would work an ultimate hardship on the eastern half of the county in future years. Their position was well taken, for with the county divided into three east and west counties, when the eastern half had progressed and developed sufficiently to support one or two counties of its own, it would have had three counties to fight instead of one to obtain the privilege of self-government and the right to be the arbiter of its own destinies.

Proposed Division Would Settle Question Forever
The five-county plan, for which the divisionists are now fighting, will settle county division agitation for many years

to come, if not forever. The eastern half of the county has now developed to such an extent that if we had the two proposed new counties, each is amply able to support its government and with a much lower rate of taxation than we are now paying.

Why? Take these Scenic Highlands, for instance. There is no section of the state where development of a permanent nature has been or is being carried on so extensively. Thousands of acres of the very best citrus lands in the world have been and are being planted to citrus groves, creating real taxable values where prior to these wonderful development projects the land was assessed at a nominal value—some of it as low as \$2 an acre.

We have at the present time here in Avon Park and in the county surrounding Avon Park 4,834 acres of citrus groves, classified as follows: Seven hundred and twenty-eight acres of old grove, 2,494 acres of young and 1,612 acres of 1920 setting. There are few people familiar with grove values but who will concede that \$1,000 an acre (average) is a fair valuation for bearing groves. Assessing property at one-half its actual value, as required by the state tax commission, and we find we have \$2,417,000 in assessable value in grove property alone—or will have when the present plantings come to a bearing in four years hence. At the present state and county millage we would have \$169,190 annually in taxes from Avon Park groves alone. Reduce the millage one-half and from our

grove properties alone we would have an annual revenue in taxes of \$84,595.

The beautiful town of Sebring, with nearly 5,000 acres of splendid citrus groves in and tributary to the town, with her large tourist hotel, Kenilworth Lodge; her golf course and her wonderful lake drive, will bring the assessed values of the proposed Highlands county, aside from the Avon Park grove interests, up to millions of more dollars. Now add to this the assessable values of all other parts of the proposed Highlands county, including all properties exclusive of citrus groves, among which are the railroads and public utilities companies, and it would be hard to even give an accurate estimate of the amount of money this new county would derive from taxation.

Then consider the thousands of additional acres that will be planted within the next few years. Doesn't it stand to reason that we are amply able to support a county of our own and at a much lower rate of taxation than we are paying at the present time? No fair-minded man in the world can truthfully answer this question in the negative.

Moore Haven Able to Care for Herself

The same condition exists in the new county proposed for Moore Haven, although along different lines. The drainage of the Everglades has given that section of the county thousands and thousands of acres of the richest farming and trucking land in the world. Land that in former years was assessed at

from 25 cents to \$1.25 an acre now has a real value of from \$200 an acre up. Thousands of acres of that land will pay handsomely interest on an investment of \$1,000 an acre. Under those conditions, isn't the Moore Haven section able to support a county?

Wauchula Rich in Resources
Wauchula in the last few years has grown by leaps and bounds. The land contiguous to that prosperous section a few years ago was one vast wilderness. Today thousands and thousands of acres of this heretofore wild land is under cultivation, being intensively farmed and producing untold wealth every year. Citrus groves of great value have displaced the pine forests and a small hamlet has grown into a pretentious city, teeming with life and business activity and growing like the proverbial green bay tree.

Can any one doubt the ability of that section to maintain its own seat of government?

Punta Gorda's Prosperity Unquestioned

We are no less familiar with the Punta Gorda section as with the northern half of DeSoto county and the eastern portion. But when we see a community of intelligent people, all but a very small percentage clamoring for the same thing, we feel that the majority understand their own needs and their capability of handling their own business. That the Punta Gorda section is prosperous is evidenced by the fact that the city of Punta Gorda has two strong banks, both well supported financially, and a third bank will

soon be ready to do business, with a capital stock of \$50,000. This fact alone would indicate to any fair-minded man that the Punta Gorda section is capable of taking care of itself. Then there are the great pineapple plantations; many, many acres of rich trucking lands and the fisheries that are yielding large taxable revenues. It would be the height of folly to assume under these conditions that the vast majority of people in that section do not know what they are doing and are laboring under an hallucination.

Fight to a Finish Now

County division along the five-county plan will settle this agitation for years and years, if not forever.

Divide north and south and every election we will have the same battle to fight. Wauchula and Punta Gorda are not going to give up the idea of having each a county of its own, nor are they ever going to take kindly the meager portion Arcadia so grudgingly hands out in the way of public improvements.

Now is the time to fight to a finish. Every section of DeSoto county wanting a new county is united. Divide the county in any other way than that outlined and we divide our forces and place ourselves at a decided disadvantage in again coping with the politicians, a few large selfish interests and the ab-

tractors, who have grown rich at the expense of the average taxpayer and who have repeatedly said that they would never favor dividing DeSoto county in any way whatever.

Advantage to Non-Property Owner

There is every reason in the world why the voters in the affected territory should favor county division along the five-county plan. The man with a family who does not own a foot of property should favor division along this line, for every new county created will have the full benefit of its tax money, as against about 33-1-3 per cent of it under present conditions. This would mean better schools and a greater opportunity for his children to acquire an education and fit themselves for the battles of life.

Where the Farmer Gains

The farmer should favor the proposed division, for he will be benefited in greater measure than any other man. He will pay less taxes, will have more and better roads, be closer to the county seat, where every farmer has more or less business to transact, can market his fruit and produce to better advantage, churches and schools will be more accessible, and his property will increase in value more rapidly than if located a greater distance from the county seat.

Merchants Viciously Interested

The merchant should favor the five-county plan, for it will bring him more business. If he will but stop and think how much money is paid to the officeholders in Arcadia every year

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WHO NOMINATED LEM SAULS AND JOHN A. GRAHAM? HOW WOULD COUNTY DIVISION AFFECT OLD DE SOTO?

Over on the western edge of the county there dwells a man who, in order to place himself in the limelight and to gratify a desire for notoriety, has at the behest of a few men with selfish interests placed himself on record as being opposed to the best interests of the majority of our citizenship. His name is J. L. Sauls, better known, perhaps, as "Sawgrass" Sauls.

This man Sauls has become a candidate for member of the house of representatives, in order that if elected he may lend his efforts in serving the interests of the few as against those of the many. He is opposing the desires of the majority of the voters and taxpayers of his own district in order to do the bidding of his masters—a few unprincipled men who would convert the resources of the rich county to their own selfish interests, regardless of the rights of others.

In his speeches, if he harangues Sauls has been delivering may be dignified with the term speeches, he has left no stone unturned in an effort to discredit citizens of our county who are his superiors in intellect, honor and ability, namely, the central committee having in

charge the campaign of the divisionists. In an insolent, insulting and scurrilous manner he has unleashed his venomous tongue and hurled every invective contained in his limited vocabulary at the heads of the members of a committee selected by a majority of the voters from various sections of the county to represent them during the present campaign.

This committee was selected last September at mass meetings held in each of the proposed new counties.

The meetings were open and above board and every voter in the districts affected was invited to be present. Two representatives were selected from Punta Gorda, two from Wauchula, two from Moore Haven and one from Sebring and Avon Park. The committee members were selected by the highest majority and were instructed to conduct a vigorous campaign for the creation of four new counties from various portions of DeSoto. They were the emissaries of the people, chosen because they were honorable and capable, and they have been carrying out their instructions to the letter. They have conducted their campaign fairly and have been faithful to their

trust. Now, then, we want to know who nominated Lem Sauls.

Who nominated John A. Graham?

Were these men the choice of the majority of the voters of any section of the county?

Most decidedly they were not. Lem Sauls was selected by a very few Arcadia men as the monkey-wrench to be thrown into the cogs of the divisionists' machinery. He was selected because his masters knew he would do their bidding, regardless of the disastrous consequences that might ensue to the remainder of the county.

John A. Graham was selected by the same men as was Lem Sauls, as was also John Manatee county. These few selfish men knew that a man who would wilfully and knowingly violate a sacred agreement for many years kept by the people, would hesitate at nothing to accomplish a nefarious purpose. They knew their men.

Happily, the voters of DeSoto and Manatee counties also know these men, and even if there were no vital issue at stake, this knowledge would cause them to hesitate before placing them in positions of public trust.

Vote for Cooper and Etheredge.

It is not the desire of the county divisionists to injure any section of old DeSoto county. They have no axe to grind with Arcadia, nor do they want to see that city retrograde. They have no idea of visiting the sins of the few upon the many, and we purpose to show that Arcadia and the surrounding country would not suffer at all from county division as planned.

In the first place, the remainder of the county would be making the old DeSoto a present of a magnificent court house and county jail. The taxpayers would be put to no expense in erecting them.

Secondly, old DeSoto would have five commissioners' districts as against one under present conditions. Those districts would include Fort Oglethorpe, Nocatee, Pine Level and Owens, Arcadia and the territory north of Arcadia.

Third, inasmuch as the outlying towns exert a tremendous influence in county affairs and usually hold the balance of power when it comes to selecting county officers and deciding important questions, the vari-

ous sections of DeSoto would have a greater voice in the location and building of roads, the handling of the public funds and the education of the rising generation. In fact, the outlying towns which would remain in DeSoto county have so much at stake that not one of them can afford to oppose the creation of four new counties.

Fourth, old DeSoto county has many thousands of acres of fertile soil, adaptable to citrus growing, trucking, general farming and stock raising. These lands would take on a wonderful development, for instead of a few good roads leading into the county seat, the taxpayers would have the opportunity to build a network of good roads in all sections of the county. Thousands of acres of fertile lands would be thrown open to settlement that are now held by a few selfish interests.

Fifth, after cutting off the four proposed counties, old DeSoto would still have more than half a million acres of rich farming, trucking, citrus, timber and range lands. She would have more than 800 square miles of territory and would be more than twice as large as

Pinellas and Seminole counties combined, larger than Flagler, Pasco, Hernando, Citrus, Suwannee, Hamilton, Madison, Collier, Baker, Nassau, Duval, St. Johns, Wakulla, Franklin, Holmes, Escambia, Bradford and Clay counties and just as large as half a dozen more counties that are now enjoying an abundant prosperity, the beginning of which dated from the time they parted from the parent county.

Anti-divisionists would have you believe that county division would mean less territory, consequently more taxes. You, Mr. Taxpayer, will not be fooled by such propaganda if you will but stop and consider the question from all angles. Our small counties have greater assets per capita than the large ones and there is no reason under the sun why DeSoto should prove an exception to the rule. She has the soil, the climate, the brawn and the brains. An argument that she would not be as prosperous as nearly one-half the small counties in the state is but an admission of inferiority in intellect or resources.

Vote for Cooper and Etheredge.

HOW WOULD COUNTY DIVISION AFFECT OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND ROADS

We have been contending that the dividing of DeSoto county into smaller units would be the most effective means of providing better roads and schools in all parts of the county. In support of our contention we are giving some facts concerning Pinellas county, next to the smallest county in the state.

Eight years ago, after years of effort, Pinellas county separated from Hillsborough county. Pinellas is next to the smallest county in the state, having but 225 square miles of territory. The smallest county taken from DeSoto under the five-county plan would be Wauchula and would contain 660 square miles, more than twice as much territory as Pinellas.

Here is what Guy Neal, county clerk of Pinellas county, says. He knows:

"Pinellas county has been organized eight years. At that time there was not a foot of hard roadway in the county or a brick street in Clearwater, or a paved street in Dunedin. It was almost impossible to get any improvements of any consequence. The majority on the board of county commissioners were interested in Tampa and, while they admitted the need of many improvements, yet there were always more pressing things to be done nearer home.

"Now, after eight years, the new county has seventy-three miles of brick roads, besides many miles of marl and shell roads. Development and improvement of the territory has extended to the wildest expectations. There is a fine new modern court house, fine school buildings and four accredited

high schools.

"All towns in the county have enjoyed a substantial growth.

"The county tax assessment only \$1 mills and this includes 9-10 mills for Hillsborough debt and road bonds.

"The total assessed valuation eight years ago was \$3,800,203. This year it is \$10,569,239, giving us an increase in eight years of an increase in eight years, after county division, of \$6,768,976, or in round numbers \$850,000 a year."

And Pinellas is not an exception where it comes to increased values and lower taxes. It has been the rule in all small counties, rather than the exception. Is there any reason to think counties created out of a county rich in natural resources at DeSoto would not do as well?

Vote for Cooper and Etheredge.

NO-FENCE LAW NOT AN ISSUE WITH THOSE WHO WOULD DIVIDE COUNTY

Those who are fighting for county division on the five-county plan desire it to be distinctly understood that the no-fence law is not an issue in this campaign. The anti-divisionists would lead the farmer, the man with a few head of cattle or hogs, to believe that the divisionists desire to cut off his free range, thus working a hardship

upon him. Such is not the case. The division candidates, ex-Senator P. M. Cooper and Dr. E. J. Etheredge, are solemnly pledged to fight any measure that does not accord to the people the right to decide for themselves whether or not they want a no-fence law. This is the true democratic principle of majority rule. These candidates realize that many sections of the state

of Florida are not ready to have a no-fence law crammed down their throats, therefore they rightly say, "We will support no measure which does not accord to the people themselves the right to determine for themselves what they want. Therefore, the small farmer, with small herds, has nothing to fear from the divisionists along this line.

BIG MASS MEETING IN AVON PARK TOMORROW NIGHT

There will be an open-air mass meeting of the citizens of Avon Park and surrounding country tomorrow (Saturday) night. At this meeting the political issue of DeSoto county will be the subject of a rousing speech by Dr. E. J. Etheredge, candidate for member of the house of representatives on a

platform of county division under the five-county plan.

This is a subject in which our people are vitally interested and no one should let an opportunity pass to gather all the information possible in connection therewith.

For years DeSoto county politics has been dominated by a

few men—men who have not hesitated to use their money and influence to accomplish their designs and in some instances have resorted to threats, intimidation and fraud in order that they might accomplish their purpose and defeat the ambitions of those who only ask for

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

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Clayton Raulerson spent Sunday in Fort Meade.

J. P. McNeil of Lake Wales was one of our Saturday visitors.

P. M. Stivender has some attractive real estate bargains to offer.

N. B. Hicks of Tampa is installing the new boilers for the Flint Lumber Company.

Mr. and Mrs. D. V. Rouse spent the week-end in Dover with Mr. Rouse's parents.

D. C. Stivender of Haines City was the Sunday guest of his brother, P. M. Stivender.

G. L. Crews and family and Miss Ethyle Marsh attended church at Shady Grove Sunday.

Mrs. A. D. Buck will speak in the Methodist church next Sunday morning and evening.

Mrs. W. A. Fischer left Saturday for her old home in Dawson, Ga., where she will spend a month.

A. J. Whidden and Enoch Davis spent Saturday and Sunday at Fort Kissimmee attending church.

J. L. Hampton, candidate for sheriff, was here the latter part of the week looking after his political interests.

Miss Leona Whitehouse and grandmother of Sebring attended revival services here Sunday evening.

Miss Josephine Cummings left Monday for Dade City, where she will spend several weeks visiting her brother.

Alberta and Agnes Hockersmith of Winter Haven are here for a couple of weeks, guests of their aunt, Mrs. V. E. Sapp.

L. D. Roberts has purchased from D. L. Lander of Kissimmee the cottage he and his family have been occupying for some time.

Mrs. Lulu Blanks and Miss Nellie Pabor departed Wednesday night for Dart's Camp, N. Y., where they will spend the summer months.

Mark Lance, Miss Thelma Alderman, Mrs. D. W. Alderman, Mrs. J. R. Waters and Mrs. H. E. Godwin motored to Bartow and Winter Haven Monday.

The first watermelon of the season was brought in Saturday by R. F. Harris. It weighed forty-five pounds. Mr. Harris is one of our successful farmers who is never behind with his crops.

W. R. Gramling, candidate for member of the county board of education, accompanied by W. A. Alderman of Fort Green, truant officer, was here Monday looking after his political interests.

A new property owner in Avon Park is G. L. Pennicost of Dixon, Tenn., who has purchased the C. D. Nolan property and a ten-acre grove in the northeastern part of the city, from Dr. W. C. Touchton.

Dr. E. J. Etheridge was here Tuesday for a few hours. Dr. Etheridge has been addressing the people of the west side of the county recently and is making a splendid campaign. He is making friends wherever he goes, and we predict for him an overwhelming majority of the votes cast for representative.

Otto Agricola of Gadsden, Ala., arrived in Avon Park Thursday of last week for the purpose of completing the organization of the new company recently formed for the purpose of developing the large tract of grove land recently purchased by himself and his associates. He returned to his home Saturday.

J. P. Gaines, C. P. Turner, A. W. Dodd, R. L. Franklin, B. C. Allen and Mose and Steve Darden of Adairsville, Ga., arrived in Avon Park Thursday night of last week, remaining until Saturday. While here Messrs. Turner and Allen purchased a ten-acre grove out near the Charlie Harris place and Turner purchased the beautiful home owned by R. W. Swearingen.

Send The Pilot to a friend.

An invigorating twang—Avo-Cola.

George Whitehouse of Sebring was a Sunday afternoon visitor here.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. McGinnis and children motored to Sebring Sunday afternoon.

L. P. Seward of Bowling Green was greeting friends here Monday afternoon.

J. V. Verity returned Tuesday night from a trip to Tampa, Morriston, Lakeland and other points.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dilley entertained Mrs. Lulu Blanks at a New England supper Saturday night.

R. E. Palmer this week purchased the house and three lots near the depot, owned by Mrs. S. L. Davis.

Mrs. J. S. Glass returned Saturday from Jacksonville, where her mother had just undergone an operation.

The scholars and teachers of the Baptist Sunday school enjoyed Thursday of last week picnicking at Lake Lotela.

Miss Mona Hawley, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Bruyere, has accepted a position with the Park Mercantile Company.

Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Anderson entertained Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Armstrong and Mrs. L. Blanks with an auto ride to Sebring Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. DeWilton Alderman of Kissimmee and Mrs. Johnson and Thelma Alderman of Okeechobee are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Godwin.

H. G. Crapo, Lon Raulerson and Mrs. H. E. Godwin drove to Tampa Thursday of last week to visit Irvin Raulerson, who is in a hospital in that city.

Mrs. D. W. Alderman of Kissimmee, Mrs. J. R. Waters of Daytona and Miss Thelma Alderman of Okeechobee are the guests this week of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Godwin.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Fairbanks left Monday morning for their home in Fitchburg, Mass. They are regular winter visitors here and always receive a warm welcome on their return to the Park.

The Ladies' Aid of the Congregational church and the ladies of the Episcopal Guild enjoyed a picnic spread at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Williams, out on Lake Lotela Thursday of last week.

Mrs. Ellen Sperk, who had been visiting her daughter, Mrs. E. J. TenEyck, for some time, departed Monday for her home in New York City. She was accompanied as far as Jacksonville by Mrs. TenEyck and little daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hornbrook of Tampa motored over to the Park Sunday to spend the day with Mr. and Mrs. W. R. England. While here Mr. Hornbrook was suddenly taken ill and was unable to return to his home for several days. He is manager of the Consolidated Typewriters Company in that city.

The Hon. Ernest Amos, who is seeking re-election as comptroller of the currency, was here Tuesday accompanied by Ira Rikdon of Sebring. They made this office a pleasant call. Mr. Amos has made a splendid official and as it is customary to retain a good man in this office when it is once tendered him, we feel that he should be returned.

Fitz Williams of Crewsville, candidate for county commissioner for this district, was here Tuesday greeting old friends and making new ones. Mr. Williams is receiving much encouragement in his candidacy and will in all likelihood be the next commissioner from this district. He is a capable man and would perform the duties of the office impartially and with justice to all parts of the district.

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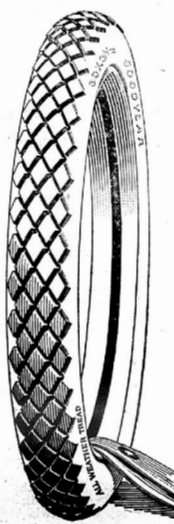
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GOOD YEAR

HARDEE FRIEND OF THE FLORIDA SCHOOLS

Cedar Key, Fla., May 17, 1920.
Editor Highlands Pilot, Avon Park, Fla.
Dear Sir: The Florida Fishermen's Association has endorsed the candidacy of Hon. Cary A. Hardee for governor, and we would thank you to copy the enclosed article from the Palmetto News in order that the erroneous impression may be corrected.

Yours truly,
FLORIDA FISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATION.
By John A. Stapleton, Pres.
"Some Swearingin supporter evidently dropped into Palmetto

recently and spread the report that Cary A. Hardee opposed the best interests of the schools when he served in the legislature and is now opposed to free books. This disseminator of this misinformation even intimated that Hardee was a member of the commission that changed the school books last fall, which caused such a furore at the time and which put the people of the state to extra expense to buy new books.

"In the first place, Mr. Hardee was not a member of the last legislature, but when he did serve in the house, a few years ago, he favored the betterment of our schools in every way. As to the question of free books, he didn't even know that it was an

issue in the campaign, as the governor has very little to do with the schools, the state superintendent being elected to look after them; but he tells us that he does favor free books with proper restrictions.

"When the Swearingin supporters state that Mr. Hardee had something to do with the school book change last fall they get their wires badly crossed. They should learn their lesson better than that. The truth is, Mr. Swearingin (not Mr. Hardee) was a member of the state text book commission that put the extra expense upon the school patrons when it made the change noted. A subcommittee composed of teachers and superintendents made recommendations to the state text book commission (of which Swearingin was a member), which ignored the subcommittee in some instances, badly disappointing the members of the latter body. Mr. Swearingin, Mr. Sheats and other members of the state commission were responsible, and Mr. Hardee should not be blamed by supporters of Mr. Swearingin for the ills the latter wished upon the people.

"There is not a more staunch supporter of our schools than Cary A. Hardee, and we believe the people of Florida will not make a mistake when they place him in the governor's chair.

"The election of a governor and United States senator is merely a matter of form this time. Hardee will be elected and Fletcher will be returned."

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HARDEE NOT AN ENEMY OF LABOR

In a letter to organized labor, Ebb J. Harris, mayor of Madison and a prominent member of the Order of Railway Telegraphers, denies that the Hon. Cary A. Hardee is an enemy of organized labor. He says he has known Mr. Hardee from boyhood and that he has discussed politics, unions and every other question if importance with him and that he knows him to be as fair to the laboring man as to the farmer, banker or merchant.

"Cary Hardee will be fair, and any of us can go into his office when he is governor with our union card and in our overalls and get the same fair treatment that the merchant, banker, lawyer or farmer can get," says Mr. Harris.

"Can we expect more? Do we want a man in office that would be radical and extreme? Or are we standing only for right and justice to all sides? If so, put Hardee in and the great state of Florida will have four years of good government and justice done all interests, including our union workers. Remember that politicians would take Mr. Hardee's statement made against the radical elements and agitators in our unions and try and make you believe it applied to union labor as a whole, which is not true."

A Credit and Help
The Highlands Pilot, published at Avon Park, tells of the purchase by two women visitors of a very desirable lot on one of the principal streets of the town, the purpose being to have erected thereon a fine, large and modern apartment house. The Pilot says that the plans of these enterprising women are not fully matured, but they understand the needs of Avon Park and hope to furnish something that will be a credit and a help to this growing and prosperous town—Times-Union.

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MORE SINFUL IN SUMMER

Morality Varies With the Thermometer, According to Head of London Police.

London.—"Women are proving much more suitable for certain kinds of police work than men," is the verdict of General Sir Neville Macready, commissioner of police, after several months trial of policemen.

"The idea of women police was conceived about a year ago," he added. "We decided to experiment. The women had the three months' training and when sent out were quite as efficient as the ordinary male policeman."

"The girls and women who came to them in the streets when in trouble would undoubtedly be too shy to approach an ordinary constable."

Asked if the use of policemen had decreased immorality, the commissioner replied:

"Immorality varies with the thermometer. The evil is generally more prevalent in the summer than in the winter and I do not think the women have had a fair experiment yet."

"However, I am now arranging for our winter campaign, and we are considering establishing hotels where girls may be treated, and the police department report that 35 girls have passed through homes and infirmaries, many of them being between fifteen and nineteen years old. Some of the old army huts may be used for this purpose."

YANK KITCHENS DELIGHT RUSS

Thirty-Six of Field Variety Used in France Given to Army of Gen. Kootepoff.

Khar'kov, South Russia.—Thirty-six American field kitchens of the type used by the American expeditionary force in France have been delivered to the army of General Kootepoff. They were brought here from France and presented to General Kootepoff by the American Red Cross as part of its welfare work among his troops.

The kitchens are of light construction and are easily transported on the winter roads. Each has a capacity of 200 quarts of tea an hour, and 100 quarts of cabbage soup. As the Russian infantryman lives upon tea, bread and soup, they have been received with enthusiasm. They are the only portable kitchens in south central Russia.

ILLICIT RHINE TRADE VAST

Berlin Writer Wonders Why Cologne Cathedral Hasn't Been Sold, Too.

Dusseldorf.—It is a wonder that the Cologne cathedral has not been sold to the channels of illicit trade, sarcastically remarks a writer in the Berlin Zeitung am Mittag, who has just made a trip through the occupied districts and asserts he has seen at first hand the smuggling and tax evasion that go on daily.

He estimates that every train into Germany from Frankfurt and other Rhineland cities carries several hundred thousand marks worth of untaxed goods, ranging from tobacco and chocolate to automobile tires.

BISHOP BARS DANCE MONEY

British Church Declines "Contaminated" Contributions for Its Extension Fund.

London.—The bishop of Chelmsford has barred money raised from "whist drives and dances" from a fund of \$1,250,000 which the people of Essex are trying to collect for church extension. Writing to his people concerning these amusements, the bishop declared: "Both may be legitimate forms of recreation, but they are not methods of the church for raising money. I have never heard of either being opened or closed with prayer."

KAISER BUYS UNLUCKY HOUSE

Male Residents Die Quickly in Doorn Mansion, Says Local Superintention.

Doorn, Holland.—There is a superstition at Doorn, which because of incomplete records is somewhat difficult to bear out, that the house of Doorn, recently purchased by the former kaiser, is unlucky for its male occupants. It is said that the house has generally been occupied by widows, the men having died after a few years' residence. Baroness van Heemstra, who sold the house to the kaiser, is a widow.

Indian in Hiding for Years.

Prince Rupert, B. C.—After eluding capture for thirteen years, Simon Guna-Noot, an Indian fugitive known in every part of British Columbia, has been delivered to the authorities and will stand trial on a charge of murder of Alexander McIntosh and Max Le Coss in June, 1908. The provisional government long ago gave up the hunt for Guna-Noot after it had spent over \$50,000 trying to capture him. For thirteen years Guna-Noot has lived in the wilderness of the northern section of the province.

Mastodon Bones.

San Diego, Cal.—Part of the skeleton of a mastodon was unearthed near Birch Rock and is to be installed in the Balboa Park Museum of Natural History. Search is being continued for all of the bones, with Frank Stephens, curator of the museum, in charge of the work.

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TELEPHONE NO. 20

Vote for Cooper and Etheredge.

Vote for the county division candidates.

If you would rather pay 70 mills taxation instead of 75, then vote against county division.

It is a mystery to us why a Manatee county man should oppose the division of DeSoto county.

We exceedingly regret that Florida has a governor who endeavors to sponge upon the public by saying that "hotels usually entertain him free."

Duncan U. Fletcher would not be entertained by those having the arrangements of his meeting here in charge. He insisted upon paying his own expenses.

It would seem that old H. C. L. is really going to take a tumble. Here's hoping our trousers hold out until our bank account will permit the purchase of a new pair.

If all the property in the proposed Highlands county were assessed at one-half its actual cash value, we could maintain that county on one-half the present millage.

The opposition to county division is against better roads, better schools and everything in the line of progress that might add a little to the taxation. Where do you stand?

In your opinion, Mr. Property Owner, what would be a fair assessed valuation on property in Avon Park, owned by an outsider, who refuses to sell five acres for \$20,000, to people who would improve said property?

Men of broad vision do not count a few pennies when it comes to a question of better roads and better schools. These things are worth paying for, as they affect the future welfare of our children, as well as the present welfare of the community.

Mr. Property Owner, would you like to secure the full benefit of the taxes you pay, or are you content to pay a high tax and only secure about one-third in return? If you desire the full benefit, then vote for county division.

The cry that Carry A. Hardee is an enemy to organized labor is merely an attempt to secure votes for the Catta-Swearingman element, which is an enemy to all classes except those who consider the taxpayers as legitimate prey.

An old-timer has suggested a new use for The Pilot. He says that with a little grease added it would make good soap, there being plenty of lye (lie) in it. Now, that's a good suggestion, old-timer. Supposing you add \$2 worth of grease to your subscription, read its columns carefully, and scrub up your ideas a little. They'll stand cleaning, and The Pilot, as you say, would make excellent "soap" for the job.

County officials are paid in fees—all but the county superintendent, the county commissioners and a small amount (\$25 a month) to the supervisor of registration. Therefore, county division, so far as paying the county officials is concerned, would add practically no expense to the operation of five counties instead of one. Additional tax values added to the tax duplicates would pay the salaries of officials and reduce taxation fully 50 per cent on the proposed Highlands county.

We had the pleasure of enjoying a short visit with Congressman Drane Thursday. This was the first time that we had the honor of meeting the distinguished gentleman and, judging from appearances and making deductions from the conversation we had with him, we are more firmly convinced than ever that he is the man we want to represent this congressional district in Washington. It is unfortunate that Florida does not possess a greater number of men of Mr. Drane's caliber from which to choose her public servants.—Lake Wales Highlander.

HOW MR. PEDEN STANDS

Rumors have been set afloat in order to injure J. B. Peden's candidacy for member of the county board of education from this district that he is opposed to county division. Early in the week we had an interview with Mr. Peden on this subject and we found pleasure in advising our readers that there is absolutely no truth in the rumor. Mr. Peden assured us that for some time he had been in favor of county division and that at the last election he voted for it. He also assured us that it was his intention to vote for the division candidates for the legislature, but that he did not care to capitalize the fact in order to gain votes.

Mr. Peden is a candidate for member of the county school board. He feels that he can be of benefit to his district if elected to that position. After a long conversation with him, in which he expressed many of his views, we also are of the opinion that he can be of great benefit to us as a member of the board of education and that he should receive the undivided support of the voters of the district.

Practically the greater portion of Mr. Peden's life has been spent in educational work. He has been a teacher for many years and takes an unusual interest in the work. That he is fully qualified there is no doubt in our mind, and all who know him are aware that he is a man of integrity and good, sound judgment. He is not in the race for political purposes, as he has no aspirations along that line. His object is to be of benefit to the schools, the teachers and the pupils. Had he desired to enter the political arena in the true sense of the word he had ample opportunity, for he was importuned to make the race for representative on the anti-division platform, which he promptly refused to do.

We will make no mistake if we elect J. B. Peden as a member of the county board of education from this district.

Vote for Cooper and Etheredge.

Today is the tomorrow we worried about yesterday.

What's the use of urging people to vote for Avon Park if we take steps toward housing them?

Poor old John McWhorter! With Catts and Van Ciero Swearingmen both after his scalp, what a predicament he is in.

One of the first steps toward securing more houses in Avon Park is the organization of a strong building and loan association.

We are willing to admit that some of the anti-divisionists are actuated by principle, but the majority are actuated by selfish interests or are dictated to by the Arcadia ring.

The Tampa Tribune says we have advanced some mighty good reasons why DeSoto should be divided. There are so many good reasons that it would require more paper than we can spare to advance them all.

Has the tax assessor had time to go over the entire territory and assess property according to its true value? If so, why are some people paying taxes on property assessed at \$2 an acre when they paid \$150 an acre for the land? Why can a man get by with \$5.10 taxes on property one-half of which he sells for \$2,000? DeSoto county is too large for one tax assessor to do his work as it should be done.

We stand for honest organized labor, and so do the candidates we are supporting for office. But we and all other fair-minded newspaper men are against labor leaders who only use their organizations to gain their own selfish ends or to disrupt a democratic form of government in order that the red flag of anarchy might displace the stars and stripes.

No man with a grain of sense has ever contended that the highest cost of living is responsible for the high cost of living. Likewise, no man with an atom of sense will contend that it has not been one of the factors in the rising high cost of living. Not a newspaper in this state has defended the profiteer and not a newspaper in this state has attempted to excuse the criminal practices of the profiteering bunch.

WHY WE SHOULD RE-ELECT SENATOR DUNCAN U. FLETCHER

To the average thinking man who has watched the career of the two men asking the suffrage of the voters at the primary election to be held June 8 to represent this district in the congressional halls of our nation's capitol, it would seem unnecessary to advance any reasons why we should return to that important position a man who for twelve years has been faithful to his trust and who by his statesmanship and ability has been honored with positions of great responsibility upon some of the most important committees in Washington.

Senator Duncan U. Fletcher, during his twelve years in congress, has been faithful to his trust. His record is as an open book. He has worked with a sincerity of purpose and in an indefatigable manner for the interests of Florida and the nation. He has benefited our state in many ways, not the least of which has been the effecting of amendments to the recently passed rivers and harbors bill that increases the appropriation for Florida waterways some \$41,000.

He was largely responsible for the passage of the farm loan bill, which has done more, perhaps, to develop this country than any other agency. It has given the southern agriculturist the financial backing that has enabled him to conduct operations on a paying basis.

He was instrumental in establishing shipbuilding plants in Florida. Plants employing thousands of men have been established at Pensacola, Jacksonville, Key West and Tampa, profiting labor and improving the communities in which the plants have been built.

During the war it was Senator Fletcher who aided the boys in "getting in" and "getting out." It was Senator Fletcher who voted for nation-wide prohibition. It was Senator Fletcher who kept Florida and Florida's boys in the light at the capitol.

During this session of the legislature he claims the credit for the introduction of twenty-eight bills, twelve of which are now laws. His bills to amend the act establishing the international joint high commission among the American republics, providing for exchange of commercial privileges for travelers, supplies and passports, making closer our commercial relations with the South American countries, has been under discussion and will probably be brought up for final action in the next session.

These are a few reasons why we should return Senator Fletcher to the United States senate by an overwhelming majority.

Vote for Cooper and Etheredge.

SIDEGLISTS ON THE POLITICAL SITUATION

(Manatee River Journal)

The Journal has two or three times called attention to a gentleman's agreement that was made at Arcadia twenty years ago whereby it is agreed that the state senator from this district shall alternate between the two counties, and we desire at this time to give a little of the real history of how that agreement came to be made, and the further fact that never during the twenty years of its existence has Manatee county failed to live up to that agreement. The senatorial convention met at Arcadia, and for a week the delegates from the two counties balloted on a candidate for state senator. DeSoto county balloted all this time for one candidate, and the delegates from Manatee county voting for several different candidates, but at no time supporting the man the DeSoto county delegation was determined to nominate. After a week had been thus spent the convention adjourned, and when it reconvened a prominent man from Arcadia asked to be allowed to take a few minutes, and as nothing was being accomplished by the continuous balloting he was given a chance. The man immediately stated that he felt sure that something should be done to amicably settle the wrangle that each hour was getting more bitter, and finally an agreement was drawn up and signed, and under that memorandum it was agreed that the man DeSoto county wanted nominated at that time would be nominated, and that the next

time the candidate should come from Manatee county, and thereafter alternate each four years, or term. The agreement provides that the people of DeSoto county, by convention or primary shall have the right to pick their candidate when it is their time to nominate, and the people of Manatee county have the same right when it is their turn.

We are indebted to Frank Walpole of Sarasota, who was chairman of the Manatee county delegation to the senatorial convention in 1900, which made this agreement, and was one of the men who made it and signed it.

Mr. Walpole further stated that for twenty years the people of Manatee county kept this agreement inviolate, and he was sure they were not ready to break it now. He further called attention to the fact that if Manatee county should break it once, we would be the loser, for there are more voters in DeSoto county than in Manatee, and if we broke the agreement we should not hope for anything from DeSoto county, as that county then would be entitled to take the senator all the time, and if they took a notion to do it, they could. Mr. Walpole stated that he was perfectly willing for every person to know where he stood on the subject. He is for living up to the agreement and never breaking it. He said he thought that "a political agreement should be kept as faithfully as a note at the bank."

Hon. Charles T. Curry Talks

On the same subject Hon. Charles T. Curry, one of Manatee county's most popular citizens, and for a long time democratic county chairman, in talking to the representative of the Journal stated that he stood now just where he did last winter when a delegation from DeSoto county came over here and urged him to be a candidate, and that under no circumstances would he vote for a Manatee county man for state senator this year. Mr. Curry further stated that personally he thought that it would be the most serious political mistake that Manatee county could make to violate this agreement, after keeping it for twenty years. He also called attention to the fact that Manatee county would be the loser if any such thing was done. Mr. Curry stated that he always considered his word just as good in a political matter as a bond, and that he would not vote for a Manatee county man this year, for to do so he considered would be breaking faith with DeSoto county.

In connection with the delegation that came over from DeSoto county a few months ago and urged Mr. Curry to be a candidate, it should be made clear that this delegation did this after having heard that the anti-county division forces were going to run a Manatee county man, and they thought that if one side was going out of the county for a candidate to fight county division, that they might also look for a candidate in Manatee county. However, as has been stated before in the Journal, these gentlemen were assured that Manatee county had no intention of supporting any one but a DeSoto county man when it was DeSoto county's turn, and that this year the job belonged to DeSoto. They then went back and placed in nomination Hon. Frank Cooper of Punta Gorda, who was state senator four years ago, and who is well known in Manatee county, and whom we believe will carry this county, even though a Manatee county man is running against him.

The voters are urged to be on the alert for fast-minute propaganda to be spread by the anti-divisionists. This propaganda may come in the form of promised county division north and south, or east and west, but you can rest assured the anti's have no intention of giving us division of any kind. Take no stock in their promises. They have made promises before and have always violated them.

The taxpayers are paying Governor Catts a salary of \$6,000 a year to conduct a campaign for higher office.

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AVON PARK PUPILS AT TEACHERS' INSTITUTE

In response to an invitation from County Superintendent Shaver, a reading class from the fifth grade of our public schools, accompanied by Mrs. H. J. Mummau, the teacher, attended the teachers' institute held in Arcadia Wednesday last week to give a demonstration in "socialized reading." The class was composed of Marjory Lacy, Inez Yonce, Meda Dravdy, Mary Adams, Doris Williams, Dorothea Durrance, Palmer Pabor, Harry Yonce, Gordon Skipper, Freddie Barchel and Bahtola Masters. School Trustees W. O. Skipper and W. A. Roberts generously donated their autos for the occasion. The class gave a splendid demonstration, in which the teachers manifested great interest, fully appreciating the success of this particular line of teaching.

Mrs. Mummau also exhibited specimens of drawing by pupils of the fourth and fifth grades, giving a short talk upon each

particular kind of drawing. The work spoke volumes for the painstaking effort of the teacher and the aptitude of the pupils.

Prof. I. C. M. Ellenberger delivered an interesting talk on the subject of reading and drawing, and, assisted by the county superintendent, urged the teachers of the county to take up this work.

Among the Monday business visitors here was C. L. Clark of Bartow.

Wednesday W. C. Brookins closed a deal for the Henry Fox residence property in the north-eastern part of the town.

Among the prominent out-of-town business visitors to Avon Park Saturday were E. E. Goodno, Herbert O'Banner and Drew Hampton of LaBelle.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Floyd, Mrs. Leonora Stonebreaker, Dorothy King and L. H. Treadwell of Arcadia were Avon Park visitors Sunday, spending several pleasant hours at the Avon.

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Mark Lance made a business trip to Lake Wales and Bartow Monday.

Mrs. W. H. Woodruff returned home Monday night from a visit in Orlando.

Mrs. Lou Spink has been assisting in the postoffice this week during the absence of Mrs. Reeves.

D. W. Alderman of Okeechobee was here a few hours Saturday, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Godwin.

Bonnie Jacobs, father and brother of Miami, spent several days in Avon Park this week. They drove over in their auto.

Clyde Ritter of Palatka, accompanied by a party from Lakeland, was here Tuesday transacting business with Mark Lance.

Mark Lance, Mrs. H. E. Godwin, Mrs. D. W. Alderman, Mrs. J. E. Walters and Miss Thelma Alderman visited Sebring Tuesday afternoon.

"Daddy" and Mrs. Wolff visited their daughters at Eagle Lake, Altourist, Bartow and Garfield nursery Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Mobley of Punta Gorda motored to Avon Park Tuesday, bringing Mrs. Sadie B. Farrington and son Henry home, after having visited relatives and friends in that city several days.

We are in receipt of a letter from D. D. Crews of Jacksonville, who states that he is immediately coming to Avon Park to establish first-class dental parlors. A resident dentist is badly needed here and we predict for Mr. Crews a liberal patronage.

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The Ladies' Aid of the Methodist church met Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. R. W. Swearingen. In spite of the rainy afternoon about thirty members and guests were present. The following program was rendered:

Bible Lesson—Mrs. C. H. Harris.

Lord's Prayer—In concert.

Piano Solo—Myrtle Conoley.

Reading—Lola May Hart.

Piano Solo—Mrs. William Hauptmann.

After the program the hostesses suggested that each one present tell from which state they came, how long they had been in Avon Park, some of their Florida experiences, etc. An interesting half hour was spent in this manner and it was evidenced that the ladies present were entirely satisfied with Avon Park as a place in which to live and intended to remain in this growing little city. Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served.

Guests and members present were: Mrs. W. A. Roberts, Mrs. D. B. Farnell, Mrs. H. J. Munman, Mrs. E. H. Hagan, Mrs. W. H. Clark, Mrs. C. D. Noland, Mrs. R. I. Harris, Mrs. C. A. Skipper, Mrs. C. E. Lanier, Mrs. A. D. Buck, Mrs. J. V. Chapman, Mrs. Elks, Mrs. C. N. Ott, Mrs. C. H. Harris, Mrs. William Hauptmann, Mrs. Dutton, Mrs. G. W. Adams, Mrs. R. C. Petersen, Mrs. A. E. Conoley, Miss Myrtle Conoley, Miss Alice Dutton and the little Misses Mary and Wilma Adams, Corinne Hagan, Madge, little daughter of Mrs. J. V. Chapman; Lucile Elks and Margaret Petersen and Masters Billy Lanier and Howard Skipper.

A generous silver offering was given at the close of the meeting.

Have you tried the new drink Avo-Cola?

J. P. Hill of Tampa was a business visitor here Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. McAuley spent Saturday in Fort Meade.

Hal Estes of Tampa spent Wednesday evening in Avon Park.

D. T. Lockett is having three new bungalows erected near the crate mill.

Melville Bass and Fred Peden spent Wednesday afternoon in Fort Meade.

B. H. James and family have moved into the new bungalow on Central avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Marsh and Mr. and Mrs. Dave Skipper visited New Hope Sunday.

Prof. P. G. Shaver was here yesterday giving friends of whom he has many in Avon Park.

Mrs. A. D. Roberts and Mrs. A. M. McAuley and children spent Thursday in Zolfo visiting their sister, Mrs. Joe Brown.

Art Crews was over from Zolfo yesterday in the interests of his candidacy for the office of tax assessor. If he has as many friends supporting him in other parts of the county as in Avon Park he will be the next tax assessor of DeSoto county.

Harold B. Smith, representing Carter, Rice & Co., wholesale paper dealers of Boston, and Walter E. Knecht, representing Charles Ene Johnson & Co., printing inks, Philadelphia, came to Avon Park Wednesday to look over the immense grove developments here. The former had seen some of the Pittsburgh-Florida Company's literature and became interested. They were astonished at what they were shown here and Mr. Smith will in all likelihood invest in grove property. These gentlemen made us an appreciated social call.

Deputy Sheriff A. D. Roberts is mourning the loss of a couple of prisoners and some brand new handcuffs. A few days ago he gathered in a couple of "shines" caught in the act of making "shine." He confiscated nearly a gallon of the finished product and a quantity of "buck" and lodged his prisoners in the town calaboose. On calling for them in the morning to give them a joy ride to the county seat he found that during the night a confederate had broken open the calaboose and that the prisoners had left for parts unknown, taking the handcuffs with them.

GREAT REDUCTIONS For Avon Park Shoppers

WE have been carefully going over our stock in order to ascertain if there were not some things on which we could make price reductions and give the shoppers coming into our store something out of the ordinary to talk about. We have not selected shelf-worn, out-of-date articles and materials to offer as a bait, but have reduced the prices on our standard goods, such things as the men, women and children will need during the summer months. The reduced prices we are making are worth while for worth-while merchandise. They range from 10 to 40 per cent, a saving opportunity seldom offered.

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About 300 Pictorial Patterns at the old price of 5c

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You should be interested in Palm Beach and Mohair Suits, especially when you know that we can save you from \$3.25 to \$5.50 the suit at this price-reducing event.

Palm Beach Suits, sizes 34, 35 and 36, reduced from \$19 to

\$15.75

Mohair Suits that have heretofore sold at reduced to

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STRAW HATS

In large assortment and unbroken sizes—a hat to please every taste—have suffered a reduction price of

25 PER CENT

Headquarters for the Famous

TESS OVERALLS and BANANA BRAND MEN'S AND BOYS' WORK PANTS

The Famous Star Brand Shoes

They are here in every size and style—shoes that fit your feet—shoes that you can wear with comfort and with the assurance that you are getting the best values for the least money. If you are not a wearer of Star Brand Shoes, let your next purchase convince you of their merits.

We are receiving new Hardware and Furniture almost daily. The latest shipment of Furniture to arrive included a

Splendid Line of Beds

We aim to give our patrons the benefit of every price reduction possible and do our part toward helping Avon Park grow by carrying a complete stocks as the market affords, at the lowest possible price consistent with good business management. We want to help make Avon Park a good place in which to trade. If you will but compare our goods and prices with those of mail-order concerns, you will find that it

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Gluttons for Punishment

Lee Tires ask no favors of the road.

On rough country roads their tough treads travel almost unharmed over sharp and jutting points that would tear the heart out of less sturdy tires. On paved streets and boulevards Lee Tires wear down surprisingly and pleasantly slow.

If you knew how to make tires and none but the best would satisfy you, the Lee Tire is the kind you'd build.

So thoroughly good are Lee Tires that you'll get an entirely new idea of tire mileage and satisfaction from the first one you try. Let us show you why.

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STANDARD GARAGE
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LEE Tires

"Smile at Miles"

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

FOR SALE At a Bargain

Small house and one acre of ground, one mile west of town on Wauchula road.

GOOD CITRUS LAND

—See—

George Bloom

or His Wife

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POOR POLITICAL TIMBER

"It is rather amusing," says the DeSoto County News, "to read what the various newspapers throughout the county are saying about Major John A. Graham, candidate for the state senate on the anti-division ticket being poor material. We are advised that his cousin, Frank Cooper, candidate for the senate on the division ticket, was willing to vouch for him to the extent that he tried to get him to make the race for the senate on the division ticket. Well, Brother Jones, we don't know the source of your information, but we will venture to say you were misinformed. The writer was in Bradenton when Hon. Frank Cooper visited the city, had a long conversation with the latter and Mr. Graham's name was not mentioned. We believe Mr. Cooper is too

familiar with Mr. Graham's record to even think of foisting him as a candidate upon a people who have known him (Mr. Graham) for any length of time. We know Manatee county and Manatee county men about as well as any man in this county, and if there is a more undesirable piece of political timber in that excellent county than Mr. Graham, he should be placed on exhibition alongside that mysterious "grave robber."

Getting Even

It seems to be the county papers have it in for Arcadia and they are now getting even with the old town. Possibly when it is sifted down it will be found that the real opposers of county division are none but the cattlemen, the prejudice against Arcadia will subside some—Moore Haven Times.

Real estate.—P. M. Stivender.

YOU can generally tell whether or not a man is a subscriber to this paper by the way he talks.

If he is a subscriber he is not eternally asking questions in order to keep posted on current events of local interest

HE READS IT IN THE PAPER

**\$2.00 GETS THE WHOLE STORY
FOR A WHOLE YEAR.**



COUNTY CANDIDATES WHO HAVE QUALIFIED

Up to the 25th the candidates qualified to have their names printed on the official ballot at the primary election are given below. In order to fully qualify, these candidates will have to file a second expense account with the clerk of the circuit court some time from the 27th to the 31st of this month.

Member of House of Representatives—E. J. Etheredge and J. L. Sauls.

Clerk Circuit Court—A. L. Durran and L. W. Whitehurst. Sheriff—J. L. Dishong and Joe L. Hampton.

County Judge—J. P. Barlow and J. Irvin Walden. Tax Assessor—C. A. Crews and J. H. Whidden.

Tax Collector—V. O. Fussell and C. F. Hull. County Attorney—H. G. Jones.

Supervisor of Registration—S. T. Langford, William McGhee and Reul Platt. Superintendent of Public Instruction—W. E. Bell and P. G. Shaver.

Member County School Board, District No. 1—W. R. Gramling and John B. Peden.

Member County School Board, District No. 2—F. R. McClelland and C. E. Whitton.

Member County School Board, District No. 3—L. L. Barnhill and H. A. Ware.

Member Board of County Commissioners, District No. 1—A. T. Carlton and J. L. Townsend.

Member Board of County Commissioners, District No. 2—J. G. Johnson and J. Ed Raulerson.

Member Board of County Commissioners, District No. 3—B. G. Letzring, Ira Thompson and William M. Whitten.

Member Board of County Commissioners, District No. 4—C. E. McRae.

Member Board of County Commissioners, District No. 5—James Carlton, A. S. Wallace and Fitz Williams.

Justices of the Peace (no opposition)—Precinct No. 2, E. P. Rust; precinct No. 15, G. W. B. Jones; precinct No. 35, John H. Holcomb.

Member State Democratic Executive Committee—No. 2, W. B. Beeson; No. 5, Reuben Y. Walden; No. 7, W. E. Mobley; No. 9, Jim A. Morris; No. 12, M. A. Miller; No. 14, William King; No. 15, William Clett; No. 16, C. P. Hartsfield; No. 17, A. B. Stroud; No. 21, C. J. West; No. 26, C. H. Boyd; No. 31, J. Cote; E. T. Hill, candidate for county commissioner District No. 1, paid his filing fee and assessment of democratic executive committee, but did not file his expense account as required by law.

J. E. Bowdoin, candidate for sheriff, filed his statement of expenses, but did not file candidate's oath, receipt from democratic executive committee, or pay his filing fee.

The 19th was the last day upon which candidates could file.

Do We Need County Division?
Do we need county division? Ask the nine witnesses who went to Arcadia last week to testify in court. They each received one day's pay, \$2. They received mileage of \$6.40 each, making \$58.40 paid them. It cost \$10 to go and come. Their board bill was \$6. The loss of time was three days at an average of \$3 per day, or \$9. Add this up and you have each man to pay out \$25. Deduct from this the \$8.40 received and the balance of \$16.80 is what each one was out on the trip. Yes, we not only need it, but we must have division. Vote for it.—Moore Haven Times.

"We Picked Up Seven Large Dead Rats First Morning Using Rat-Snap"
So writes Mr. B. E. Carpenter, Woodbridge, N. Y. "We lost 18 small chicks one night, killed by rats. Bought some RAT-SNAP and picked up seven large dead rats next morning and in two weeks didn't see a single rat. RAT-SNAP is good and sure. Comes in cake ready for use. Three sizes, 25c, 50c, \$1.00 Sold and guaranteed by F. C. Rae, Avon Park Drug Company, Park Mercantile Company.

L. H. PARK

Architect

Twin Oaks

Avon Park, Florida

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 primary election, June 8, 1920. My vote and influence are respectfully solicited.
Very respectfully,
R. FEENEY.

FOR COUNTY JUDGE
To the Voters of DeSoto County:
I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of County Judge, subject to the action of the primary election, June 8, 1920. I was appointed County Judge the first year of June, 1918, to fill the unexpired term of Hon. George Whitehurst, and my record as Judge about that time is open to the public for investigation.

I am asking for a full term as County Judge and, if elected, I will give the people of DeSoto county the same kind of service in the future as I have in the past.
Yours very respectfully,
J. IRVIN WALDEN.

FOR COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
I respectfully announce myself a candidate for re-election as County Superintendent of Public Instruction of DeSoto County, subject to the action of the primary election, June 8, 1920. I have been in the office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction since 1914, and during that time I have endeavored to discharge the duties of the office with the same zeal and fidelity as in the past.

Very respectfully,
V. O. FUSSELL.

FOR COMMISSIONER
District No. 5
I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Commissioner of District No. 5, subject to the action of the primary election, June 8, 1920. I have been a Florida farmer for forty years and am a resident and taxpayer of DeSoto County for nearly twenty years.

I am the choice of the voters of this district I promise a just and faithful administration.
Respectfully yours,
A. S. WALLACE.

FOR COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR
To the Voters of DeSoto County:
I desire to announce that I am a candidate for the office of Tax Assessor for DeSoto county, subject to the Democratic primary election, June 8, 1920.

Having been reared in this county, I am familiar with its lands and personal property values of the county which, together with my qualifications and experience, will enable me to assure the people of efficient work.

I will endeavor to serve all with equality and impartiality, assuring each that I will do all in my power to merit your support.
Respectfully,
J. H. WHIDDEN.

FOR CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT
To the Voters of DeSoto County:
I hereby announce myself a candidate for re-election to the office of Clerk of the Circuit Court, subject to the Democratic primary election, June 8, 1920.

I wish to express my gratitude to the people of DeSoto county for the honor and respect in me and, if nominated and elected, promise to continue to give the people the same courteous and efficient service as in the past.

I shall be very grateful for your support and I shall try with all my might to be worthy of the trust and confidence you bestow Faithfully yours,
A. L. DURRANCE.

FOR COMMISSIONER DISTRICT NO. 5
To the Voters of DeSoto County:
I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of County Commissioner for District No. 5, subject to the action of the primary election, June 8, 1920. My vote and influence are respectfully solicited.

I am desirous to fulfill the duties of my office with fairness and impartiality.
Respectfully,
F. H. WILLIAMS.

FOR SHERIFF
To the Voters of DeSoto County:
I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Sheriff for DeSoto county, subject to the action of the primary election, June 8, 1920. I have been in the office of the Sheriff for the last seven years, which will enable me to give the people the same efficient and economical service as in the past.

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Respectfully,
JOE L. HAMPTON.

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FOR COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR
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I am desirous to fulfill the duties of my office with fairness and impartiality.
Respectfully,
JOE L. HAMPTON.

FOR STATE SENATOR
I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of State Senator for the Twenty-seventh District of Florida, comprising DeSoto and Manatee counties. I have been a resident of Manatee and DeSoto counties for more than fifty years and am fully identified with the material interests of the people of both counties.

If elected to the State Senate I shall support all progressive and practical legislation intended for the development and improvement of the people of both counties. I shall oppose the extension of the prohibition laws and the equalization of the burden of taxation. I shall oppose the extension of the prohibition laws and the equalization of the burden of taxation.

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I will appreciate the influence and support of every elector of DeSoto County.
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