

FORT MYERS PRES

"No Stormy Winter Enters Here, 'Tis Joyous Spring Throughout the Year"

FORT MYERS, LEE CO., FLORIDA, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1906.

Y. buggy and had two large dogs tied to the hind axle.

(On the 30th ult. Henry Silcox and A. O. Lancaster came in our neighborhood and killed a deer (so they said) but when they were tracked to Punta Gorda and arrested the fact was revealed, that instead of it being a deer it was a yearling of A. G. Daughtry's. We can't account for the act in any way unless they are both color blind, for they could not tell a black yearling from a deer. CURLEW.

- You need the goods, we need the money. Hunter's Drug Store.

Let Us Forget.

EDITOR PRESS:—It is with no little regret to us that the two press organs of Lee County have assumed the unpleasant attitude toward each other. All through the first attacks of the Liberty Party organ we admired your treating them with silent contempt. It is a true saying that if you "give the calf rope he will hang himself." So long as fuel is placed upon a fire of fanaticism it will flourish, whereas it will die if unkindled.

We have as little use for the doctrine of Koresh as anyone, nor do we have the least favor toward their attitude of politics. But we do have a deep interest in the brotherhood of man. The demand of this age is for a big type of citizenship—a citizenship that is backed up by a brotherly feeling of man toward man. Because unjust statements have been made about some of our best citizens it does not necessarily follow that they are true. "Truth crushed to earth will rise again" and righteousness will always prevent prejudice.

The great Savior Himself had all manner of evil said of him and endured the basest treatment, yet His life will be a beacon to guide men's lives to higher planes throughout eternity. We can never win men's hearts to a cause as long as we make a panorama of them. The spirit of Americanism to-day is not to see how far apart we can get but to see how closely together we can come. Two wrongs never make a right. If my neighbor is in error we should profit by it and keep the nearer to the paths of true manliness.

We have been a citizen of Lee County for about nine years and we believe she has as good a set of officials as any county in the commonwealth of Florida. God pity the man who holds an office in Lee County. He becomes a target subject to the criticisms of every citizen, and if he should steal all the public funds he would hardly have enough to pay his attorney to keep him from the chain gang. There is not an official outside of Fort Myers who gets a salary sufficient to pay his hotel bill.

The only enemy we ever made in our life was when we were trying honestly to fulfill the duties of an official in Lee County. We have faith enough in the good judgement of our citizens that they will lay aside their prejudices and elect the best qualified officers. It does seem to us like it ever there was a time when the people of Lee County should be a unit it is now. Let the dead bury its dead. The great question is not who has the gravest faults, but the drainage question, and let us labor with our whole heart and soul to bring it about. The principles of democracy have been tested and will stand regardless of jealous criticisms.

We look upon the press of the land as the greatest factor of instructing its people. The people are advancing as never before. Let the press fill their minds with truths that will be ennobling truths that will develop the highest possibilities of character building and citizenship. Too much of the world's energy is spent in belligerent efforts. If the amount of energy that is spent in generating evil and exposing our neighbors faults were employed trying to get our brothers to do right, to realize his sacred duty toward his neighbor, there would be an ethical revival that would shake this old world from pole to pole. If wrong must come let other shoulders bear it, not ours. CHAS. B. FOSTER.

Letter to H. E. Heltman, Fort Myers, Florida.

Dear Sir: No man is in a position to influence men in regard to their property more than you in that little room where they tell you their troubles. Pity, if you don't know how to keep a house dry and sound, any sort of a structure, house, store, factory, warehouse, shop, barn, fence—any sort of fence, except rail; with paint. What paint? The paint that takes least gallons; for paint costs money, and putting-it-on costs twice as much as the paint. That is short; but that's all; it includes the rest. One paint wears long, another wears short; but the one that wears long is the least gallons paint; "rust-gallons" means pure and strong, and most-gallons means adulterated and weak, besides small gallons. Paint is one of the biggest interests in the United States; not the business of making it, no, the business of painting, taking care of property. Paint is worth a great deal more than it costs, and the best costs least. Be so. Yours truly, F. W. DEVOE & CO.

TEED POSES AS A MARTYR

The Koreshanite "Messiah" Thinks He is Being Persecuted.

HE LAUNCHES INTO ANOTHER TIRADE AGAINST COURTS AND ORTHODOX PREACHERS.

(FROM THE CHICAGO TIMES.)

Out under the shade of the big oaks at Washington Heights last evening the front door of Dr. Teed's paradise regained swung open under the touch of a large male "angel" and an ordinary mortal passed within the portals. A seat in the dining room was offered while the attendant went to inquire if the "Messiah" would see callers. About the long table two pretty female "angels" were busy. One of them, who answered to the name of Mrs. Marshal, wore a short, blue skirt with suspenders, and a white waist with wide, flowing sleeves. Her brown hair was worn short and fluffy, and a pair of eye glasses were perched upon her pliant nose. "Better install me as dish wiper," she whispered to the other "angel," "instead of table fixer." The two were busy sorting the silver and cut glass with which the table was covered. Two young men "angels" came into the room and spoke to the pretty women and a couple of older women passed through the room. Out on the plaza a spring bed was standing and one male and two female "angels" were chatting in the shadows.

Word came from upstairs that Dr. Teed was very tired, but he finally came down into his study and consented to talk. The new "Messiah" wore a long dressing gown of maroon silk, a pair of patent leather slippers, and a white lawn tie. He sank back wearily into a luxurious rocking chair, buried his feet in a fur rug, and crossed his hands.

"That story about the bomb," he began, "is a mere hoax. I am not afraid of bombs nor anything else. But when my work is finished I shall take steps to secure justice. Not through the courts, however, for I think they are mere humbugs. For twenty-one years, since I began my work, I have been vilified and slandered. I have about given up trying to justify myself in the eyes of prejudiced people. I have purchased this place and the flats at Normal Park for the use of the community. I feel sure that the people, both here and at Normal, are too Americanized to attempt any violence. I bought the Normal Park property under a guarantee of title. If the title is not good I shall give up possession, but I think I should be paid for my trouble in moving.

It has been charged that I am trying to tear down Christianity, but at the same time I think the Christian church, so called, is the biggest humbug of the age. Dr. Henson is a fair type of the Christian ministers of the country. Yet he declared in his pulpit that the College of Life ought to be razed to the ground and my brains dashed out, and that he would be glad to take a hand in the work. Those are lovely sentiments for a Christian minister to express."

"I claim that any man who works for humanity is a savior. I know that my work will be felt to the utmost parts of the universe. I have the scriptures for it that I am part and parcel of the Godhead, and in so far divine. I have almost completed the great work of uniting into one great body all the celibate societies of the United States. Their influence and their wealth will all be consolidated under one management. Chicago is to be the center of the work and here we shall establish great industrial enterprises, which will in time give employment to all the men and women in the country who are at present out of work. We shall recognize two classes of society, celibate and marital. The present tendency of the human race is degradation. The tobacco habit and the liquor habit are both on the increase. In this way each new generation deteriorates, and eventually the race would become extinct. The celibate communities will act as conservators of sexual power, which will be esotericated to the masses outside by esotericism. The vital impulse will be stored up within us and we shall become immortal.

The charges made by Sidney Miller in his suit for \$100,000 damages against me for alienating the affections of his wife are damnable lies. Miller and several others are playing the part of villains. Mrs. Miller has never been away from her home in River Forest, which she owns. Mr. Miller went away and left home and family for nearly a year. Mrs. Miller has never been a member of our community. All the influence I ever had over her was simply the result of the preaching of

my gospel. The hint of a criminal action against me are the boldest bosh.

"The committee appointed by the meeting at Normal Park last Saturday evening had a talk with Sr. L'Amereaux yesterday, and I expect they will be here to-day to interview me. I shall be glad to receive them. We court inspection by the public or by the police. We preach and believe in celibacy and we practice it. We mind our own business and make no special effort to spread our propaganda. For twenty-one years I have labored for the good of mankind. I have taken nothing for myself. I have no money, nor do I want any. All our property is held in common, and is managed by a board of trustees."

In the next room of the big house one of the "angels" struck up a lively tune on the piano and another called the doctor to the door for a whispered consultation.

"I shall shortly put out a medium of exchange, which with us, will take the place of money. It will be valueless in itself, representing merely a certain amount of work. When once used it will be destroyed."

Then the doctor walked slowly out to the front door, opened it and said good night. Up the lawn under the big trees a couple of young "angels" looking like mortal lovers, came romping, with a big Newfoundland dog running before them. They entered the house and then the lights in "heaven" were extinguished.

The Woman's Club of Fort Myers.

The Woman's Club of Fort Myers commenced its seventh session last Wednesday, Oct. 10th, and will meet each week until the end of May, 1907. The principal theme of study will be Great Britain and her colonies; and as there is not, this year, the difficulties of a foreign language to encounter, we hope the investigation of the ways, means and methods of the mother country may prove of interest to all members. Our line of work, also embraces several extraneous subjects now engaging the serious attention of all Women's Clubs—child labor, forestry, domestic economics, bird preservation, etc. We continue the care of the public reading room and library, and are grateful for the contributions received in aid of that work. We are expecting, shortly, to receive for a week, the loan of the Woman's Club's travelling art gallery, which will be open for public exhibition, and as it embraces copies of many celebrated pictures, will no doubt, be a source of interest and pleasure to our fellow-citizens.

New members will be welcomed to the Woman's Club, and should submit their names, without delay, for election, so as to secure the benefit of the entire course of study.

MRS. JULIA HANSON, President.

African M. E. Church Rally a Success.

I take this means of thanking the people of Fort Myers for assistance given me in my church rally last Sunday.

My members have been pressed since this building was commenced last June. Several times have they been forced to appeal to their friends for help, and every time they have been helped in a commendable way. But not since the building commenced has the spirit of helpfulness been more evidenced than on this occasion. Rev. J. L. Moon and Bro. W. M. Hendry came out at 3:30 o'clock and worshiped with us. Rev. Moon preached a good sermon. He is a profound thinker, and dropped many seed-thoughts where they will redound to the glory of God and the salvation of souls.

My people are loud in their praise of these two white gentlemen for interest taken in our church work. We need more such instruction and advice as was given by Rev. Moon. We are not of that number that think we can get along without the assistance of the whites. We regard the white as the dominant race, and as such is capable of giving that advice that cannot come from elsewhere. 'Tis true that we have made great progress along lines religious, moral, educational and financial, but it was because of the contact with the stronger race. We cannot be left to ourselves yet awhile. My people are very susceptible to teachings of the white, and if we had more of their teaching we would be better. We feel our dependency.

That the whites are willing to help the blacks is shown in the substantial assistance given in the erection of the church above referred to. We could not have gotten along so well if we had been left alone. In our effort Sunday \$210.12 was raised. I thank all who gave as much as five cents. M. D. POTTER.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY

Take LAXATIVE BROMO Quinine Tablets. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box.

Proceedings of County Commission

FORT MYERS, FLA., Oct. 11. Board of County Commissioners day met pursuant to adjournment. Members present: R. W. Gilliam, Chairman; J. Aiken Lee, Jr., Clerk.

On motion R. W. Gilliam, Chairman pro tem, whereupon Board proceeded to revise the contract books, and the following persons were stricken therefrom: the reason set opposite their names: District No. 1, Denault; E. E. Goodno; G. S. Henderson.

District No. 3, Buckingham; D. J. Higginsbotham; C. H. Murray; A. O. Moore; D. G. Thomas; E. R. Borden; T. R. Deah; R. E. Daughtry.

District No. 4, Fort Myers; Rufford Blount; W. D. Bell; R. E. Braddy; R. C. Carson; G. H. Campbell; Mantley Ployd; W. G. Gilbert; J. N. Hartfield; S. A. Luckey; H. M. Moore; J. B. McCann; Henry Rose; A. Sloan.

District No. 5, New Prospect; S. L. Corbett; D. J. Corbett.

On motion Board adjourned.

Board re-convened at 10 o'clock. Members present: E. J. Aiken Lee, Chairman; R. W. Gilliam, Jr., Clerk.

Mr. Popple, Mr. Franz Leitner appeared before the Board urging that that particular public road, petitioned for at meeting, to-wit: beginning south-east corner of section 46 south, range 25, running 440 yards, north 220 to 230 yards, be granted. On motion ordered road, as asked for, be granted that the same is hereby a public road.

On motion ordered that reconsider the appointment of R. A. Owen for Election District No. 10, Buckingham, for the reason that the satisfaction of the Board who were appointed are not voters. Whereupon the Board was appointed: R. A. Owen, Blount, L. A. Osteen, Inspector; S. Henderson, clerk.

The Board resumed work of registration books.

District No. 6, Punta Rassa; J. G. Ponce.

District No. 10, Estero; Frank Gomez.

District No. 13, Survey; Steve Crews.

District No. 14, Wulfert; John Hahn.

On motion it is ordered public road from the B. school house, running east, as petitioned for and ordered meeting, and that the commission the district is authorized to do or have done the work is not done by the owner of the property within ten days notice is given.

Notice is hereby given Board will meet on Friday, 26th, 1906, at which meeting complaints by any who may illegally or wrongly stricken registration books, and those who may be entitled to registration.

On motion Board adjourned October 27, 1906.

E. PARKINSON, Clerk. Attest: W. M. HENDRY.

Monthly Financial Statement Board.

Warrants drawn Oct. 3, 1906	
Mrs. G. W. Cole	
P. D. Peters	
G. C. Durrance	
Mrs. W. F. Olson	
Miss L. Kramer	
Miss E. Welch	
Mrs. L. E. Godley	
J. W. Sherrill	
W. L. Osterhondt	
A. E. Raymond, Alva, special	
J. H. Fisher, Buckingham	
Mengo Bros.	
Evans & Co.	
M. B. Potter	
W. P. Henley	
G. E. Ireland	
Chambers	
E. Franz, Estero	
C. F. Roberts, Henderson Creek	
Estero	
Jos. F. Shand, salary	
G. S. Henderson, b'd services	
G. E. Ireland	
R. A. Kelson	
R. A. Henderson, commission	
Jos. F. Shands	
Fort Myers Press, printing	
Report cards	
Watnall Co.	
G. B. Reynolds, commission	
freight, etc.	
Total	

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boy, man or woman, is of pain if Bucklen's Arnica applied promptly. G. J. Tekonaba, Mich., says: my family for cuts, sores, injuries, and find it perfect cure known. Best made. 25c at all druggists. —Repair work of all leather line at French's Shoe Shop.