



Dr. Cyrus Teed, 1897



"General" Gilchrist, Punta Gorda  
Later Governor of Florida

been laid, and parlor cars brought visitors seeking health and sport.

In 1894, Dr. Prime, the famous fly-fisherman, came to Punta Gorda, and often walked up and down the hotel dock trolling for fish. He was always followed by his faithful servant "Zammit" who also used to chase around the open woods ashore with a fish net catching butterflies. This intrigued my mother, so she began an interesting collection of butterflies and moths.\* Dr. Prime was always accompanied on his trips by his sister, Mrs. Slosson, the authoress.

About this time Dr. Cyrus Teed appeared on the scene,\*\*  
en route from Chicago to find a site for his Korashan Unity. This he located at Estero, below Punta Rassa. When his followers arrived they were transported in sailboats to the settlement. Dr. Teed called himself Korash and taught his followers that they lived inside the earth. They named their town for Estero Bay on which they had located, and raised vegetables and citrus fruits. No road ran into the settlement at that time, so their only means of contact with the outside world was by way of sail boats. I recall seeing Dr. Teed at Punta Gorda, and later, in 1897, I took a snap-shot of him on a steamer on his way down the coast.\*\*\*

Mr. Demere was customs officer for the port of Punta Gorda as all boats were inspected yearly before being put into commission.

It was during this winter that I landed my tarpon up the Peace river. It was a proud day for me for the fish

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- 15 7 Marco was settled in 1871 by Capt. W. D. Collier.
- 16 4 It was on this site Maj. Evans was living in a log cabin in 1870, when he homesteaded his claim to all of Fort Myers.
- 16 27 This was at the corner of First and Jackson.
- 19 13 In this connection I have seen the name spelled Kreamer which may have been the same man.
- 25 7 Fort Dallas has long since been moved to its present site farther up the river to make room for Miami's skyscrapers.
- 25 25 This was Commodore Ralph Munroe.
- 25 26 This pilot was secured through the courtesy of the above mentioned gentlemen.
- 25a 18 This was Capt. W. D. Collier.
- 26 26 This spur has now been discontinued in favor of taxi service.
- 27 9 This collection is now the property of the Morton Arboretum, Lisle (near Chicago) Illinois.
- 27 11 This was 1893.
- 27 22 The first thirty Korashans arrived at Estero in 1893. Dr. Teed died in 1908 and a tomb erected at south end of Estero Island, but this was destroyed by the 1921 hurricane. A weekly newspaper, the American Eagle, one of the best horticultural papers of its day, was published here and contained many articles by the famous horticulturalist Dr. Nehrling. He conducted many botanical experiments here, before moving to Naples.