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The secret of the success of Fort Pierce as the coming center of commercial supremacy on the East Coast lies in its ability to cope successfully with situations as they arise. There was probably more harmony to the cubic foot in the city hall Monday night than at any time in the history of the town, the reason being that the future of Fort Pierce was involved and every citizen realized it and stood ready to do his part. It is not that the people are handling the present situation that they are to be so commended, but the spirit in which they are handling it—"the city first, my personal interests afterward"—the spirit of unselfishness and unity. This attitude in the face of our first real crisis shows that we are ready for other crises that will inevitably arise as we progress. The choice of Fort Pierce is a division point by the railroad means much, but the attitude of our people means more, and the combination means everything.

The good citizenship of Fort Pierce can be counted upon in any crisis or emergency. The sentiments expressed at the mass meeting Monday night were such as to settle any doubt as to where we stand—progress and prosperity being our motto. The News is proud to live in such a community and among such people.

Congress has been called to meet in extra session to revise the tariff. Just watch 'em swoop down on the poor man's provisions and other necessities. The tax on coffee is likely to be increased while the lovely diamonds and pearls are permitted to come cheaper. Great is our law making body.

It is reported that very nearly half the southern senators were ill and not able to be present at the called session of Congress Monday. Very little for them to do anyway, as they are in a hopeless minority.

No, dear sister, Wessie P. Beach, you have the tourist plant and that's enough. We need the railroad shops, and confidentially talking to you, Fort Pierce is going to get them.

And all at once we waked up and found that we had a "Boosters' Club" in Fort Pierce with a great big B., and every man and woman in town is an enthusiastic member in good standing.

We do not believe the News has chronicled the death of an individual in St. Lucie county this year. How is that for a health record?

The Florida Legislature will convene on April 6th. And then verily the Tallahassee boarding house keeper waxeth fat.

Uncle Joe Cannon has again been elected boss of the law making machine at Washington.

Muzzle your dogs and clean up your premises are splendid warm weather performances.

STUART

The Epworth League held a very successful picnic at the St. Lucie Bathing Pavilion on the beach last Saturday that was enjoyed by all present. Each person present was prepared to tell an original story. Some were interesting and all were amusing in the extreme.

Mr. Isaac Craig has just purchased 40 acres of land from J. A. Y. Spiers and is preparing to erect a house thereon. Will clear and plant five acres at once.

Mr. W. E. Rea has just purchased from Mr. Robt. McPherson the cottage on Avenue D, now occupied by E. J. Ricou.

We have just learned that our townsman, Mr. C. W. Corbett, has sold his plantation to Mr. Godfrey Dunscomb and will move with his family to Morgan, Fla. We all are sorry to lose them. Mr. W. T. Hardiston and party left for their home in Nashville, Tenn., last Friday morning. They have been spending the winter at the Danforth.

Mr. Geo. W. Perkins, of the J. P. Morgan Co., has arrived with his private car to spend a few weeks fishing on the famous St. Lucie fishing grounds. Mr. Geo. McPherson and family have

returned to their plantation on the river front. Mr. McPherson has been quite ill and his friends are pleased to learn that he is convalescing.

Don't forget that we will have preaching at the church by the pastor on next Sunday morning and evening. Epworth League at 6:30. Subject: "The Light and the Witness." Leader, Charley Beville. There will be a roll call. We hope all members will be present. We now have 47 members.

The many friends of Mrs. Hamilton, mother of Mrs. W. J. Dyer, will be pained to learn that she is quite ill at her home in West Palm Beach.

Miss Josephine Kitching spent Sunday at home, returning to school at West Palm Beach Sunday evening.

The citizens of Stuart wonder why our own Justice of the Peace is not called on to examine a person accused of petty larceny, as in case of a negro who was taken to Miami for examination last night, away from all witnesses whom he might have called to his defense, causing the county a great of unnecessary expense, an injustice to the people of Stuart and showing a lack of respect to our justice. Really the commissioners should not allow this extra expense.

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Letter to Dr. W. N. Coon, Jensen, Fla.

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Notice is hereby given, under and by virtue of an order of the Board of County Commissioners of St. Lucie county, Florida, dated March 1, 1909, that the said Board of County Commissioners at their next regular meeting to be held on April 5, 1909, at Fort Pierce, Florida, will act on the question of erecting a court house for St. Lucie County.

Dated at Fort Pierce, Florida, this March 1, 1909.

P. KROEGEL,

Chairman Board of County Commissioners, St. Lucie County, Florida.

Attest:

J. E. FULTZ,
Clerk Board of County Commissioners.

Mr. Thos. Hellier of Jensen, was in town Wednesday and presided as master of ceremonies at the Eastern Star entertainment in the evening.

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