

THE CHAMPION

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tively in Advance.

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The State Baptist Convention is
in session at Bartow this week. It
will hold until Sunday.

The Peninsular and Southern
Bell telephone system of Tampa,
rival companies, have consolidated
much to the economy and con-
venience of Tampa's citizens.

South Florida has had no frost
yet and everywhere are the signs
of spring in the blossoms, budding
leaves and balmy days. The birds
are also sure that spring has come.

At a meeting of the National
River and Harbor Congress in
Washington this week, Congress-
man Sparkman, of Florida, made
an intensely interesting and
valuable speech before the Con-
vention, as having had much
experience in Congress as a
member of the Rivers and Harbors
Committee and is therefore fully
posted as to the needs of the nation
in this line.

The Daily Globe, published by
A. F. Lovering & Son, made its
initial appearance yesterday. It is
an eight-page seven-column paper,
full of telegraphic and local news,
put into the most attractive shape.
The Globe presents a most pleas-
ing appearance in its news and
editorial columns and a most sub-
stantial showing on its advertising
pages. A noteworthy feature is a
page devoted to the Spanish speak-
ing people of Tampa, printed in
that language.—Ex.

State Superintendent of In-
struction, Holloway, has issued
notice to county superintendents
that only those senior high schools
whose principal is a holder of a
State Certificate will be entitled to
receive the state appropriation of
\$600. In order to accommodate
as far as possible the teachers who
desire a state certificate, Superin-
tendent Holloway will hold examina-
tions, beginning on June 5, at
Marianna, at Jacksonville and
Dade City.

In speaking of the awarding of
the county printing the Arcadia
News says that "bids from the
various printing offices over the
county were opened." The News
is mistaken, as the Advocate is
one of "the various offices in the
county" and it did not have in a
bid, and for the simple reason that
a majority of the present board of
county commissioners cannot stand
honest criticism, and we realize
that a paper that criticizes their
acts—right or wrong—stands no
show of getting the county print-
ing. As a newspaper that stands
for the people's rights, the
Advocate has felt called upon to
criticize some of the acts of the
present board, and when we did so
we realized that we were casting
aside any chance we may have had
of securing the county printing.
It is simply a matter of standing
for the commissioners—right or
wrong. And finally let us say
that the matter of the best bid is
all nonsense and the News and the
commissioners knew it. Bids are
received for a few dollars worth of
stationery and with this goes the
tax list—a clean pick-up of five or
six hundred dollars. And yet
some of the commissioners call this
business!—Florida Advocate.

Florida's Banking Growth.

The banking growth of Florida
last year was remarkable. New
banks were chartered and old
banks gained greatly in strength.
A great gain was made in deposits,
showing the prosperous condition
of the people of the state.

A splendid showing, which we
publish in another column, was
made by the First National Bank
of Arcadia. It was chartered with
\$30,000 capital. Its surplus is
now greater than its capital. It
has built a handsome brick block
at a cost of \$25,000, and this
escaped the fire that recently de-
stroyed the business part of the
town.

This is a good showing for a
bank anywhere. Especially good
is it for one in a town no larger
than Arcadia. As a rule Florida
towns are full of vitality. Arcadia
will be benefited by the fire that
did so much damage for a time.
This is one of the prosperous com-
munities of a state that is prosper-
ing from one boundary to another.
During the past year Florida has
not complained of a scarcity of
money, summer or winter.—Times-
Union.

The West India Yam.

The West India Yam is a variety
of potato little known in Florida
but seems naturally adapted to our
soil and climate. But few farmers
have tried its culture and only an
occasional one has made a success
of raising this excellent vegetable
that closely resembles an Irish
potato in flavor. It grows, how-
ever, more like a sweet potato
throwing out vigorous vines that
clamber for twenty or more feet on
any support provided. The vine
makes an excellent shade for an
arbor or window.

We have grown them by our
library window for several years
past and never yet failed to have a
dense shade for the south window
and large tubers for our Thank-
sgiving dinner. From one hill
under this window this fall we
took potatoes to weigh thirty
pounds one of them weighing six-
teen pounds, one eight and the
other six.

The potatoes are propagated
from tubers as are Irish potatoes.
One may eat his dinner from a
part, take the top and plant im-
mediately fertilizing at time of
planting. It may be June before
they begin to show. They need
the following six months to mature
and are only dug as wanted same
as sweet potatoes. They do not
save well out of the ground.

Arcadia's Bank.

The annual meeting of the stock-
holders of the First National Bank
of Arcadia was held on Tuesday.
The following directors were
elected for the ensuing year: T.
B. King, Albert Carlton, R. E.
Whidden, J. H. Treadwell, J. G.
King, C. J. Carlton, Z. N. Parker,
H. L. King and C. C. Chollar.
The board of directors elected T.
B. King president and Albert
Carlton, of Wauchula, vice-presi-
dent. Cashier Chollar made a full
report of the condition of the
bank, showing amount due deposi-
tors, \$254,000. This is \$97,000
larger than last year at this
date. Cash on hand and in banks,
\$139,000. During the last year
the bank has been very successful
and the surplus is now \$30,100,
making it larger than the capital,
which is \$30,000. This places the
bank on the honor roll for national
banks in the United States, having
surplus over the amount of capital.
During the past year the bank, in
connection with King Bros., built
a handsome brick block at a cost of
\$25,000 and finished inside with
mahogany and Italian marble

Side Talks by the Office Boy

"Laugh and the world laughs with
you; snore and you snore alone." That's
the latest from the Elk lodge. Gee! I
wish I was big enough to be an Elk or
an Eagle and get inside one of those
daess suits. Our black Prince Alberts
certainly make a man look like full Morocco with
the gold edges! He looks so good and feels so
good he is almost afraid his friends won't know
him until he gets a little used to them. It doesn't
make a bit of difference how narrow chested or
stoop-shouldered a fellow may be, our clothes
correct that defect and make him throw up the
manly front and the broad shoulders. The best
part of it is the whole suit fits him. The boss
says a man's trousers can express as much art
and character as the coat. We've certainly got
the "pants" that'll spell "trousers" in any draw-
ing room anywhere. Neat, genteel and chock
full of style. Gee, it takes a kid a long time to
grow up; don't it?

Call on

Perry C. Brown.

Arcadia, Florida.

fixtures. The recent fire on
November 30 damaged the build-
ing some, but the bank was open
the next morning and doing a
large business. President King
will tender a banquet at the Arcadia
Hotel to the officers and directors.

A Healing Gospel.

The Rev. J. C. Warren, pastor of
Sharon Baptist Church, Belair, Ga., says
of Electric Bitters: "It's a Godsend to
mankind. It cured me of lame back,
stiff joints, and complete physical col-
lapse. I was so weak it took me half an
hour to walk a mile. Two bottles of
Electric Bitters have made me so strong
I have just walked three miles in 50 min-
utes and feel like walking three more.
It's made a new man of me." Greatest
remedy for weakness and all Stomach,
Liver and Kidney complaints. Sold
under guarantee at Ed Greene's Drug
Store. Price 50c.

When you want a piano write or call
around and I will demonstrate the
working of the Kimball Piano and show
you the superior qualities. T. W.
Lawton, Arcadia.

Luckiest Man in Arkansas.

"I'm the luckiest man in Arkansas,"
writes H. L. Stanley, of Bruno, "since
the restoration of my wife's health after
five years of continuous coughing and
bleeding from the lungs; and I owe my
good fortune to the world's greatest
medicine, Dr. King's New Discovery for
Consumption, which I know from ex-
perience will cure consumption if taken
in time. My wife improved with first
bottle and twelve bottles completed the
cure." Cures the worst coughs and
colds or money refunded. At Ed
Greene druggist. 50c and \$1.00. Trial
bottle free.

Mrs. Robertson has not gone out of
the millinery business. If you want
anything at her store, call her up and
she will attend to your wants.

The Yellow Fever Germ

Has recently been discovered. It bears
a close resemblance to the malaria germ.
To free the system from disease germs,
the most effective remedy is Dr. King's
New Life Pills. Guaranteed to cure all
diseases due to malaria poison and con-
stipation. 25c at Ed Greene's Drug
Store.

ARCADIA GUNSMITH

Old Bank Building
Guns, Sewing Machines
Needles, Ammunition

Notice.

Of Application for Tax Deed Under Section 8 of
Chapter 488, Laws of Florida
Notice is hereby given that J. W. Whidden,
purchaser of tax certificates Nos. 2037, dated July
4th, 1898 and cert. No. 1671, 1672, 1673, 1674, 1675,
1676, 1677, dated the 3rd day of July, A. D. 1899,
has filed said certificates in my office and has
made application for tax deed to issue in accord-
ance with law. Said certificates embrace the
following described property situated in DeSoto
county, Florida, to-wit: Lots 2 and 3 block A,
lots 1, 6, 7, 8, 12, 13 and 14, block B, lots 1, 2, 3,
4, 5, 6, block D, all block F all in Hankley's ad-
dition to Arcadia, Fla. The said land being es-
tated in the name of unknown. Unless said cer-
tificates shall be redeemed according to law, tax
deed will issue thereon on the 15th day of Febru-
ary, A. D. 1906. Witness my official signature
and seal this 12th day of January, A. D. 1906.
H. E. CARLTON,
Clerk of DeSoto Co. Fla.
By CLAUDE L. CARLTON, D. C.

The Arcadia Hardware Co

Have Received a
Complete Line of

HARDWARE

And now are do-
ing Business

Opposite the Post Office

TIME TRIED

AND

FIRE TESTED

THE

First National Bank

of Arcadia

With Capital of \$30,000 and
Surplus of \$30,100.

DEPOSITS OF OVER A
QUARTER OF A MILLION

Solicits the business of the people
of DeSoto County

Gives prompt and careful atten-
tion to all business intrusted to
it

Sells money orders to any point
in the United States

Has a Savings Department, pay-
ing interest on deposit

Safe deposit boxes for rent, \$3
per year

T. B. KING, C. C. CHOLLAR,
PRESIDENT CASHIER

Frightfully Burned.

Chas. W. Moore, a machinist, of Ford
City, Pa., had his hand frightfully burn-
ed in an electrical furnace. He applied
Bucklen's Arnica Salve with the usual
result: "a quick and perfect cure."
Greatest healer on earth for Burns,
Wounds, Sores, Eczema and Piles. 25c
at Ed Greene's druggist.

The J. J. Hendry meat market is
probably now furnishing the finest home
fattened beef ever fed the Arcadia public.
The beevs were velvet bean fed and in
DeSoto county.

P. W. Hays & Co. is now at home in
the building south of the Robertson
hotel prepared to serve their customers
with a fine line of general merchandize.

C. P. BAIRD, M. D., D. D.
Arcadia, Florida.

The Dental Office and Laboratory of Dr.
Baird can be found in the Cottage in the
Mrs. Youmans. Having been out of the
by fire will say to his old friends that
make a reduction on all Rubber Plate
the amount of railroad fare both ways
distance of 25 miles from Arcadia. Baird
hand a large supply of the best material
enabled to do work in the shortest possi-

DR. L. G. BARNETT
Dentist.

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