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STATE DIVISION.

Discussing the proposition to divide the great and far reaching State of Florida, The News took occasion recently to favor the project and gave a few reasons why it should be done. In reply thereto the Short Talks Man of the Times-Union has this comment :

The Fort Pierce News takes up the discussion of the proposition to divide the State of Florida, based on the alleged differences of interests between the Southern and Western parts of the State. These differences are largely imaginary. The State is a political entity. Different crops and diversity of climate have nothing to do with it. There are great differences between the interests, climates and crops of the several sections of our common country, for instance, but none would propose that it be divided up into a number of smaller nations on that account. In all that makes up a State there is a bond of unity that makes Florida one. None but politicians of the "peanut" variety would profit by such a division.

With all due respect to the great learning and recognized ability as well as amiability of the brother who dishes out daily delicacies of "Short Talk" we would modestly, though firmly, beg to suggest a few suggestions. If we have read history rightly and remember correctly there were originally thirteen States, or thirteen stars in our flag. According to the philosophy of our esteemed critic there should be only thirteen States in this prosperous era of 1909. And yet, in the face of the Solomonic opinion of the "Short Talks" man of the Times-Union, we have been cut and cut until today we see forty six stars illuminating the most glorious of earth's emblem of manhood.

Florida, when first made a State, in 1845, had only a few counties, sparsely settled, and the fondest imagination of the most ardent dreamer could not have pictured her in the beautiful garb of modern achievement, modern push, modern energy, modern enterprise and modern realizations.

And yet, by the wonderful foresight and keen perspicuity of the "Short Talks" man she didn't have any business to "be bern."

Such chat, such prattle and such sentiments remind us of good old Rip, but luckily we have moved past that sleepy stage.

Florida has forty-seven counties and the division sentiment is still growing; other counties are too large, too voluminous, too expensive, too unhandy, therefore the people are clamoring for smaller territory and the people should rule.

Florida is too long, her interests are too much diversified, her possibilities are too grand to need argument from reasonable men that it were better to make a Florida and a West Florida.

The News will not stoop to discuss the "peanut" part of the question. It is too little for our calibre.

The point at issue is the division of the State. We noted our position. We stand there and will continue to believe it the better policy until some reasonable, sensible argument is brought forward against the proposition. "Short Talks" has not shed one spectre of light pro or con on the subject.

Cool Water Without Ice

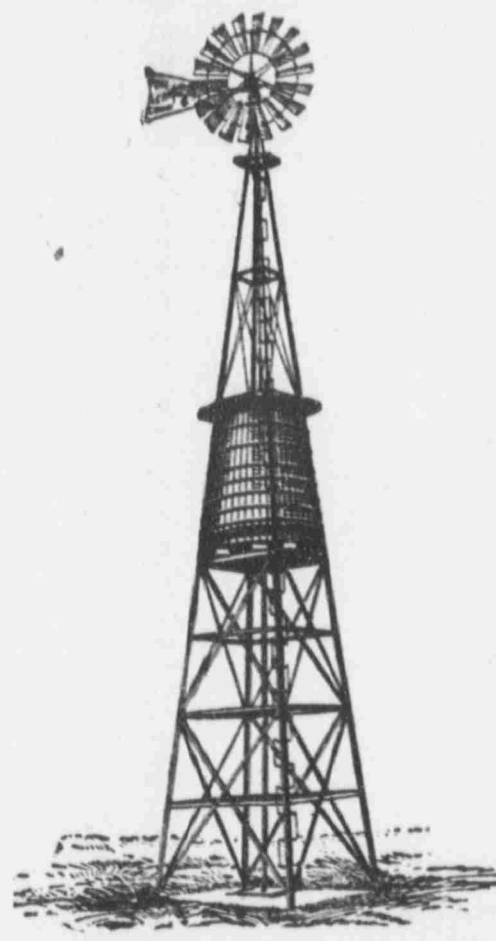
The following is an excellent method of cooling water: Fill a gallon bottle and then wet a crash towel or any other cloth and wrap it around the bottle; set in a draft and in a few hours the water will be found to be cool. The hotter the day the cooler the water. This is the principle of the ice plant. As the moisture is evaporated from the towel the heat is drawn from the water, leaving it cool and pleasant. In Mexico and Cuba a porous earth jar is used, and water soaks through, cooling the water within. In country towns butter and vegetables are kept in the cellar in wet cloths and remain cool and firm.—Boston Globe.

Petitions have been sent to every precinct in Dade county to be presented after signature to the county commissioners to call a wet and dry election. It will be necessary to get the signatures of 643 names to be petitions. The W. C. T. U is behind the movement.

The first marriage license issued in the new county of Palm Beach was to a colored couple and dated July 10, since then five colored and two white couples have followed suit.

Mrs. Tempy Newberry, of Waldo, was 100 years old on Monday, Aug. 16, and 17 relatives and 25 friends were present to honor the occasion, making many valued presents. A picture of four generations of the family was taken as a souvenir. She has not walked in a dozen years but retains her faculties, and is cared for by an unmarried son and daughter each over 50 years old.

Having for its objects the preservation of the game of the State, more especially in St. Johns county, an association has been formed to assist in the protection of the game. At the last meeting of the county commissioners a game warden was appointed for the remainder of the closed season and liberal rewards were offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of any person violating the game laws.

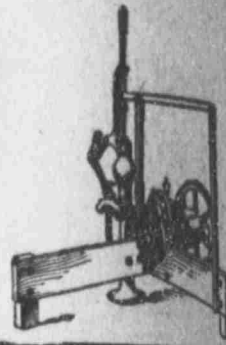


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Annual Report of Tax Collections.

F. M. Tyler, Tax Collector, in account with St. Lucie County.

	Total		General Revenue		Polls		School		Fine and Forfeiture		Road		Total
	Dr	Cr	Dr	Cr	Dr	Cr	Dr	Cr	Dr	Cr	Dr	Cr	
July 1, To Balances	325 87		56 72		60		79 39		11 35		34 05		94 51
July 5, To Excess Polls	70				70								
July 5, To Excess amount collected on Tax Roll	59 69		15 65				26 12		3 73		11 19		
July 5, Credit by Insolvency List		455 56		75 37	130		105 51		15 08		45 24		
Total	\$455 56	\$455 56	\$75 37	\$75 37	\$130	\$130	\$105 51	\$105 51	\$15 08	\$15 08	\$45 24	\$45 24	\$300 00

J. E. FORT

WABASSO.

Mr. George Sears, who has been working at Eden, Fla. was home for a few days looking after business, returning again Monday evening.

We had a fine rain Saturday evening which we were very thankful for as the young trees needed rain.

Mr. A. B. Michael's mother, of Daytona, is visiting him for a few weeks.

Geo. Beal and daughter, Cara, were Fort Pierce visitors over Sunday.

Mr. Howard, the tile man, has gone to Fort Drum to move his family to this place.

Mr. A. Vandiver, and son Charley, made a business trip to Eau Gallie last week.

Business Change.

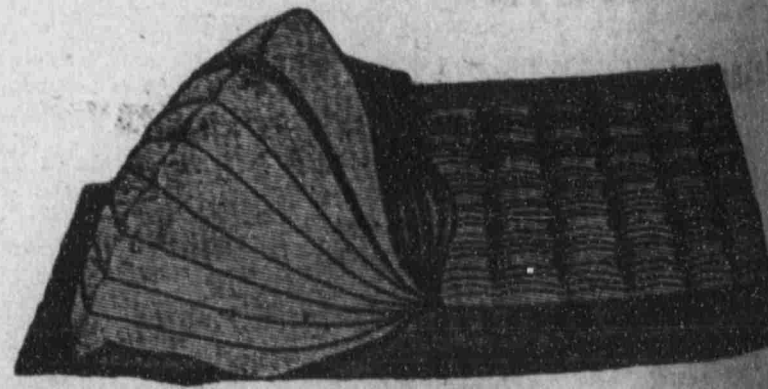
To the People of Fort Pierce: Having bought the Powers' Meat Market I solicit a share of your patronage and will endeavor to please all by courteous treatment, prompt attention, full weights, and by keeping on hand only the best to be had for my patrons. The name of the new firm will be Wm. Madison & Co. Respectfully,
WM. MADISON.

New Telephones.

Put these names on your Fort Pierce telephone directory:
No. 91 6. Miss Carrie R. Moore, res.
No. 94-4r. H. W. Richards, res.
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Zolfo was visited by a \$4,000 fire last week which consumed the store buildings of the Consolidated Grocery Co. and Ben Crews.

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