

EVENING STAR

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A STATEMENT

Brother Harris seems very much concerned about the business affairs of the Star, and had referred to the matter on at least one previous occasion, but we thought it not worth while noticing. The facts are these to any one caring enough about it to wish to know, and Mr. Harris, at least, is one: Mr. Carroll's and Mr. Bittinger's interests in the paper and plant are equal and the management and policy of the paper and plant is equally controlled by each. Mr. Carroll is the manager and controls the business policy and Mr. Bittinger is the editor and controls the editorial policy and utterances. We trust that this simple statement will suffice and that Brother Harris will not feel called upon again to dilate about the personal affairs of the Star. C. L. Bittinger.
R. R. Carroll.

The leading citizens of Orlando and Editor Holly, of the Reporter-Star, are raising the cry of advertising the city of Orlando and county of Orange. They spent several thousand dollars a few years past setting forth the attractions of that beautiful little city with gratifying results. They insist that if it proved a good thing for one season they should keep it up. They instance what advertising has done for St. Petersburg. Its all good, but somehow Ocala people can't see that a dollar spent for publicity brings two dollars in return.

Editor Hugh Sparkman, of the Wauchoula Telegram, has his fighting clothes on this week—his paper appears printed in red. He also says some straight things about the county commissioners of DeSoto county, they having awarded the delinquent tax list to the Arcadia News before the time set by law. He also has a word to say about the self-constituted democratic executive committee, endorsing Joe Humphreys for another term as senator. Hugh speaks out at any and all times.

Mrs. S. C. Bridgewater, of Dixon Springs, Tenn., who spend several weeks with her brother, Hon. R. A. Burford and family, returned home Friday. While here she took an active part in the recent wet or dry election campaign, working for the temperance cause.

Wearing the "white ribbon" on the streets and under the Culpepper tent, while giving pronounced support to the liquor interests, the editor of the Star pretends to be entirely satisfied with his conduct. But it is all a matter of heart and pretense. Its conscience is picking it.—Banner.

What kind of support does the Banner call the publication of wet articles in its issue of January 19th? The Banner pot better scour itself, before setting the Star's kettle black.

The editor of the Star is in no wise troubled in conscience about the late contest, and the condolence and sympathy of the editor of the Banner is a pure waste of raw material.

The last issue of the Punta Gorda Herald contains a very interesting biographical sketch of the life of Gen. Albert W. Gilchrist, candidate for governor of the state. He is a sure enough Floridian, though circumstances made him first see the light of day in South Carolina.

C. L. Bittinger has been requested to speak tomorrow at the unveiling of the monument erected to the memory of Robert G. Blake by the Woodmen of the World.

Ben Kaufmann, who became very popular as a day clerk at the Montezuma hotel during Col. Shipman's management of that hostelry, is assisting Judge Coyle for a few days at the dock.

Among those who dined at the Montezuma yesterday were Mr. and Mrs. C. W. McArthur of Juliette; Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Higgins, Chattanooga, Tenn.; Q. I. Roberts, Palatka; W. E. Christian, McIntosh; Ed and Jim Howell, Anthony.

Mr. H. H. Whitworth, proprietor of the Hiawatha Lake Stock Farm, in his trip to Tennessee several weeks ago, interested Mr. A. W. Webster, of Washington, Ill., in Ocala and Marion county, and has received a letter from Mr. Webster saying he was coming to see the garden spot of Florida for his son and his neighbors satisfaction.

FLORIDA OPTICAL SOCIETY

Organized in Jacksonville Friday—Two
Ocala Men Honored and Ocala
Next Place of Meeting

(Times-Union, 25th.)

In the auditorium of the Windsor hotel yesterday the Florida State Optical Society was organized. Prominent opticians from points throughout the state were in attendance, and an organization was founded that should prove a powerful factor in the upbuilding of the profession in the state.

The morning session, which was called to order by a temporary chairman at 10 o'clock, was devoted mostly to organization. However, the following program, including the interesting and profitable discussion regarding the advisability of making a charge for examination, was successfully carried out:

Skiascopy, C. N. VanZant, Jacksonville.

Shall we charge an examination fee? a discussion.

Higher Optometry, H. E. Lough, of Tampa.

Following the adjournment of the morning session the visitors were entertained by local members with a luncheon at the Windsor and a short sight-seeing tour of the city.

Afternoon Session

At 1 o'clock the members reassembled and repaired to the sidewalks in front of the hotel, where the official group photograph was taken.

At the afternoon session the following program was carried out:

The Study Habit, William E. Huston, Kansas City, secretary American Association of Opticians.

Shall we Have a Minimum Price List? a discussion.

An Optometry Law in Operation, H. J. Cook, Knoxville, Tenn., president of the Tennessee Optical Society and chairman of the Tennessee board of examiners in optometry.

Difficult cases, C. E. Folsom, Atlanta, Ga., chairman executive committee American Opticians.

Clinic and Quiz. This was opportunity for members present to engage in practical work and put pertinent questions upon any subject pertaining to optics or optometry.

The election of officers was next held, and resulted as follows:

President, D. M. Boney, Ocala.

First vice president, H. E. Lough, Tampa.

Second vice president, Oscar W. Maynard, Miami.

Secretary, E. A. Edwards, Lake City.

Treasurer, V. E. Jacobs, Jacksonville.

Following the election, the president appointed the following committees:

Executive committee, Charles E. Taylor, chairman, Ocala; Morton M. Marcus, Jacksonville; J. T. Wilenski, Jacksonville, and K. K. Eychoner, of Tampa.

Examining committee, D. M. Boney, chairman, Ocala; W. C. Maynard, Miami, and J. E. Hodge, of Tampa.

Constitution and by-laws were drafted and adopted, following which the invitation of Mr. Charles E. Taylor, on behalf of the city of Ocala, to hold the next annual meeting at that place, was unanimously accepted.

The opticians of Florida have perfected a strong organization, which is calculated to bring good results to the profession.

HOW'S THIS?

We offer one hundred dollars reward for any case of catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O.
We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by him.

Walding, Kinnan & Marvin,
Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O.
Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials free. Price 75 cents per bottle. Sold by all druggists. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

This will be a big day for Jacksonville, the opening of the Mid-Winter Exposition at that place, one of the finest, largest and most complete attractions ever given in this part of the South. It will remain open until the 15th of April.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.
The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the
Signature of *J. C. Atkinson*

Rev. G. H. Harrison, the Episcopal minister of Ocala, did not preach here Monday night as was first announced, but came last night instead, accompanied by the bishop, and services were held last night, several being confirmed and made members of the church.—Sumterville Times.

DECIDED IT IS DAMP

Board of County Commissioners Have
Canvassed the Election Returns
With the Above Result

The most interesting event that transpired today was the canvassing of the returns of the wet or dry election by the board of county commissioners.

The attendance of spectators was so large in the room that the board asked them to adjourn temporarily until they could tabulate the returns from all the precincts. This done, the board requested all interested to come in.

As soon as the board assembled Attorney H. L. Anderson, for the dries, entered a protest against the Bellevue view, saying that the inspectors of that precinct had disregarded the law in the matter of the election, viz: the votes cast were in excess of the poll list. He contended that the board had a right to condemn the proceedings of the officers of said precinct.

Mr. Fort asked in case the board counted the returns and that irregularities or fraud existed, whether or not there was any possibility of redress under the law.

Attorney Anderson said there was but the road was a hard one to travel, and that the wet or dry election laws were "fearfully and wonderfully made" and it was difficult to get at their true intent. He further said that to get relief the board would have to appeal to Judge W. S. Bullock and after taking the evidence on both sides, it would be for him to decide.

Attorney O. T. Green, for the wets, said that supreme court decisions were to the effect that the board could not go back on the fact of the returns, but admitted the irregularity of votes could be considered.

Mr. R. L. Anderson, the other attorney for the wets, contended that the board had to accept the forms as presented by the officers of the respective precincts. He said the announcement by the board of the result of the vote was a declaration in form and in no way infringed on the rights of the dries carrying the case into a court of equity.

Mr. W. H. Hocker, the attorney for the board, said that while he was quoted as agreeing with Mr. Anderson in his contention, he wished to say he did not go quite so far. He said the statutes on this election matter was not in accord, but the discussions of the court held the board had to accept the face of the returns and advised them not to go behind the returns. He agreed with Mr. H. L. Anderson that the remedy was a difficult one.

The matter of the irregularities at Bellevue was gone into, but on the face of the returns the papers were properly signed. Judge LaGrange Hopkins was the clerk instead of Dr. T. K. Slaughter, who was appointed. This proved all right except it might be ascertained if Hopkins was sworn in according to law. It was presumed that such was the case.

Commissioner J. M. Mathews then moved the returns be accepted, but yield to Mr. Fort's motion, which in effect was that the returns as received and tabulated be received by the board, which motion Mr. Mathews carried and it was unanimously adopted, which showed that 1067 votes were cast for selling and 1013 votes against selling, and that the wet majority was 54 votes.

The board then adjourned. Among the deeply interested spectators to note the canvassing of the returns were Revs. C. C. Carroll, W. R. Lambert, John D. Robertson, W. D. Carn, H. M. Hampton, L. W. Duval, R. A. Burford, G. A. Carmichael, H. J. Precht, R. H. Keating, Sheriff Gordon, W. C. Jeffords, S. L. Bitting, Will Knox, Kendrick, Sebe Weathers, Lerom, Editor Harris, P. V. Leavengood.

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5 AND 10 CENT STORE

MONDAY

WATER PITCHERS

19c. each

Value 35 Cents

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into the Variety Store.

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will again be handlers of

EVERYTHING

THE VARIETY STORE
FRANK & HARRIS

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Western Reef, Veal, Florida Stall Fed Beef, Mutton, Armour's Star Ham, Armour's Pork Sausage, Cabbage, Rutabagas, Turnips, Beets Sweet Potatoes, Irish Potatoes, Spanish Onions.

W. P. EDWARDS.

PHONE 108 CITY MARKET

D. A. Miller and many others whom we cannot recall to mind.

Official Tabulated Returns

	Wet	Dry
Precinct No. 1.....	306	287
Precinct No. 2.....	22	39
Precinct No. 3.....	32	27
Precinct No. 4.....	20	28
Precinct No. 5.....	14	8
Precinct No. 6.....	14	16
Precinct No. 7.....	56	13
Precinct No. 8.....	19	25
Precinct No. 9.....	10	12
Precinct No. 10.....	14	20
Precinct No. 11.....	21	37
Precinct No. 12.....	6	1
Precinct No. 13.....	8	27
Precinct No. 14.....	17	12
Precinct No. 15.....	6	2
Precinct No. 16.....	19	50
Precinct No. 17.....	45	52
Precinct No. 18.....	11	23
Precinct No. 19.....	11	24
Precinct No. 20.....	58	23
Precinct No. 21.....	74	32
Precinct No. 22.....	31	46
Precinct No. 23.....	3	20
Precinct No. 24.....	79	32
Precinct No. 25.....	10	9
Precinct No. 26.....	31	33
Precinct No. 27.....	18	8
Precinct No. 28.....	2	11
Precinct No. 29.....	41	27
Precinct No. 30.....	21	22
Precinct No. 31.....	26	33
Precinct No. 32.....	12	14
Total.....	1067	1013
Wet majority.....	54	

Mr. Ben Leitner, of the Griner Farm section, was in town this morning on business and paid the Star office a pleasant call.

Large assortment of CUT GLASS and CHINA at Postoffice Drugstore.

The Most
PAYING
SAVING

The relief you get in properly fitted glasses more than pays for them the first few weeks.

A small saving of nerve force is of more value than the saving of a large sum of money.

THE EYES control a large per cent of the nerve force of the human body.



DR. D. M. BONEY
Eyesight Specialist
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Make a Specialty of Correcting Failing Vision Where Others Have Failed. Satisfaction guaranteed or Your Money Refunded.

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