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Will They Answer

the Plain Straightforward Question?

The Journal has repeatedly and persistently attempted to get an expression from the Daily News or from some of the Anti-Primary advocates as to their position on the White Primary system.

The News has continued to dodge the issue. It won't say whether it believes in the Municipal Primary system or not. It attacks the recent White Democratic Primary on the ridiculous ground that it was illegal, irregular, and unfair.

The Journal has charged and still charges that the News was opposed to ANY Primary at all, legal or otherwise, and that its charge of illegality in this case is nothing more than a pretense upon which to base its opposition. The News has so far not denied the charge.

Now, to be perfectly fair with its evening contemporary, The Journal is again going to propound the question, and invite a direct answer.

ARE YOU, OR ARE YOU NOT, IN FAVOR OF A WHITE PRIMARY SYSTEM FOR MUNICIPAL NOMINATIONS—A SYSTEM THAT WILL ELIMINATE THE NEGRO AS A POLITICAL FACTOR FROM THE COUNCILS OF, AND FROM POLITICAL ASSOCIATION WITH, THE WHITE DEMOCRATS OF PENSACOLA?

That question is plain and direct. It can be answered by a simple little YES or NO.

If the News says YES, The Journal will take pleasure in publishing its declaration in these columns.

If the News says NO, or if it evades or fails to answer the question, then we may take it for granted that our contemporary and its Anti-Primary associates are in favor of continuing the Negro as a factor in the selection of Democratic office-holders for a city in which the Democrats cast 75 per cent of the total vote.

Of course it may be disagreeable for the News to say to the colored "constituent" that his Negro Anti-Primary friends are also in favor of eliminating him from his present "balance-of-power" position in city politics, but there is no other way to answer the question.

Note—If the News cannot or will not answer this question, perhaps some of the Anti-Primary platform orators may consent to do so.

Methods of the

Ambush Character Assassin.

About the dirtiest and most disreputable campaign tactics which can be employed are the ones which seek to reflect indirectly on a candidate's life and character but which those who are responsible for them are too cowardly to put into direct and open charges.

During the last three weeks a flood of anonymous literature has been poured out, in which numerous insinuations regarding the past life of Chas. H. Bliss, Democratic candidate for mayor, have appeared.

"We know what your life and record has been since you came to Pensacola," say these anonymous innuendoes, "but what was your life and record before you came here? If there was nothing in it you are ashamed of, why don't you tell the public about it?"

These and kindred insinuations have been industriously circulated. They have tried to create the impression that because Mr. Bliss once lived in Utah it must necessarily follow that he is a Mormon. They have labored to show that, because Mr. Bliss left some other place in order to come to Florida some terrible reason must have existed for his leaving.

All this is worthy of the ambush character assassins who are responsible for it—but it is unworthy of decent men.

We do not know that Mr. Bliss has ever tried to cover up anything in his past life. On the contrary we do assume the responsibility of saying that any of his friends who desire to learn

of his record can do so by applying directly to him.

If Mr. Bliss were to publish a detailed autobiography, extending from the cradle to the present, his political opponents, in keeping with their previous records, would simply retort: "Well, that is HIS story; now, what are the facts?"

The opponents of the Democratic candidate have already told what they know about Mr. Bliss since he came to Florida. Now if they know anything about him before he came here, why, in the name of common decency, don't they tell that also?

The public may rest assured that if these human vultures who prey on character know anything derogatory of Mr. Bliss's record before he came to Florida they would have told it long before this. The fact that they have not told it is the best positive proof that they know nothing to tell, and their foul aspersions are therefore all the more despicable.

As a matter of fact, what Mr. Bliss has done or has not done, is not an issue in this campaign. What he is doing and what he intends to do are the issues in which the public is now interested.

For the present he is the Democratic nominee for mayor, and the vast majority of the Democrats in the city are supporting him. That is sufficient for the present.

Judge Chas. B. Parkhill

Supreme Court Appointment.

The appointment of Judge Chas. B. Parkhill to the supreme court will remove from Pensacola one of the most universally esteemed and deservedly popular gentlemen whom Pensacola has ever had the privilege of claiming as a citizen.

A sterling democrat, a polished orator, a charming conversationalist, and, withal, a typical gentleman, Judge Parkhill has a personality which few men possess and which fewer still can resist, and he holds a place in the hearts of Pensacolians which no ordinary man could obtain.

In common with his other legion of friends in this city, The Journal congratulates Judge Parkhill upon his appointment, but it cannot help expressing the regret which all feel at losing him as a neighbor and citizen. He will, beyond question, shed luster upon the position which so many able men have occupied before him, and in it all no one will rejoice more in his good fortune and his increased honor than will his friends in the Deep Water City.

Two Different and Entirely Distinct Ways.

The following from the Birmingham Ledger is so pertinent and so appropriately said that it will bear publishing everywhere:

There are two very distinct ways of talking politics and of taking part in the campaign. The two ways are already quite distinctly outlined. One exchange that comes to this editorial table every day has talked pleasantly about every phase of the gubernatorial and senatorial situation and has had something to say about every man mentioned for either office. It has indicated its preference for governor, but has been fair, kind and pleasant in speaking of the honorable and distinguished gentlemen who have been mentioned in connection with the nominations. That paper has not wounded the feelings of a single man, but is in a position to exert its influence in the future as it may be needed.

Another paper comes daily and it is as far from the methods of the first as night is from day. It has taken occasion to say mean things about probable candidates, and has ascribed sinister motives to all the men mentioned with whom it does not agree. It has insinuated that all who do not like the policies it likes are bad men trying to deceive the people. It has in this lost its influence with the friends of many good men, and can only be used as the organ of one side, not as a platform for the discussion of men and measures.

We have no terribly wicked men in Alabama politics. Men may differ radically and still be pretty good men. This example of the "two ways of putting it" is worthy of consideration by every newspaper in the country, and it may be studied with profit by the newspapers of Florida as well as those of Alabama.

Birmingham's Rosey Prospect of a "Refund."

Birmingham is in a flutter of excited expectation over the prospect of getting a four years' electric light bill refunded to the city. The following from the Ledger explains the case:

It develops during the investigation that Mayor Ward has made that a large number of lights, which have been ordered placed at the different railroad and trolley car crossings by the board of aldermen, have been paid for regularly by the city for the past three or four years. These lights, it is stated, should have been paid for by the railroads themselves. The necessary steps will be taken to have the money refunded to the city and to have the lights paid for by the proper people in the future. The amount may reach large figures. Mayor Ward and his committees have been working on this proposition for some time.

This will be hard on the railroad company of course, but it will be noted that the electric light company has already got the money and we have yet to see the electric light concern which ever gave up anything after it once got hold of it. We very much fear the railroad and the city will have to settle it between themselves.

THE NEWS SAYS IT WILL ANSWER QUESTIONS.

The Daily News of yesterday contained the following:

WHO IS CHARLES H. BLISS?
The News has frequently asked during the present city campaign "Who is Charles H. Bliss and the question has been echoed by many and diverse correspondents, but so far neither Mr. Bliss nor The Journal have seen fit to take the public into their confidence. We have taken the ground that before a candidate is entitled to the suffrage of the people, that his past should be known.

This is our last appeal to Mr. Bliss and The Journal on behalf of the people, and we will expect an answer in The Journal to-morrow morning. Failing to get this information, the News will supply it in its issue of Monday evening.

Well, if you know so much about it, why don't you out with this stunning piece of information and be done with it?

No one is holding you back. Let's have it. We have an idea that Mr. Bliss will be able to take care of himself when the time comes, with the same "sufficiency" as it were, that he has exhibited on past occasions with both the News and the polyglot aggregation which is now trying to defeat him.

The Gainesville Sun draws the following moral, with accompanying advice, from the experience of its Jacksonville namesake:

It is announced that the Jacksonville Daily Sun, which appeared as an evening paper only a few months ago, is not having as smooth sailing as had been expected. The outlay has been greater than was expected and the management has not been in the hands of men of mature years in the business. The average business man, who thinks he can start a newspaper and expect to make money on the start, the same as the dry goods man or grocer who opens up with a fresh stock, will soon find he has the wrong impression of the newspaper business. The man who has the capital to start a daily paper, and no experience in the business, would be money ahead in two years to draw on the principal for his living, and keep out of the newspaper.

"Who is Charles H. Bliss?" asks the Daily News. He's the regular White Democratic Primary nominee for mayor and the next mayor of Pensacola. Why don't you ask something hard?

The Supporters of White Democracy are the best natured bunch you ever saw while the Shine people look like they had just been to a funeral and were mad enough to fight in ad-

dition. When people begin to get mad and look ugly, it's a sure sign they're gone up.

From the appearance of to-day's Journal it is pretty evident that good and virtuous men now a good thing when they see it.

The country voters throughout Escambia county are taking almost as much interest in the city campaign as are those in the city. It is hardly likely that the present opponents of the Democratic ticket will ever draw much water hereafter with the country Democrats. The latter don't like that kind of politics.

The recent attack of the Key West Inter-Ocean upon Editor Fitzgerald of the Bartow Courier-Informant was about as personal as they usually make 'em. Fitzgerald, however, is not only one of the best newspaper men in the state, but he is one of the most highly esteemed, and personal abuse of him won't hurt his

SAID OF PENSACOLA AND PENSACOLIANS

Boss West Florida Paper.
The Pensacola Journal has one of the best telegraph editors in the state. He knows how to handle matter and he makes a fine showing for the boss West Florida paper.—Tampa Tribune.

Judge Parkhill's Appointment.
The appointment of Judge C. B. Parkhill of the First Judicial circuit, to a place on the bench of the supreme court, yesterday afternoon, came as a surprise to the general public, but it was not much of a surprise to the judge's friends—and few men have more. It is something like a year ago that Judge Francis B. Carter, of the supreme court, indicated his desire to retire and take the place in the circuit that was made vacant by Judge Parkhill's resignation, and yesterday afternoon the former's appointment as judge of the First Judicial circuit was made and confirmed. Judge Parkhill's appointment was not confirmed, the position being an elective one and is therefore not subject to confirmation of the senate. Judge Parkhill will soon move here from Pensacola.—Tallahassee Cor. Jacksonville Sun.

How About Dr. Julian?
The Pensacola Journal states that Representative Avery of Escambia, will ever be looked upon with favor by the members of the state press for having introduced the new law libel law, but it fails to say just how Dr. Julian, of Columbia, will be regarded for having had the bill indefinitely postponed. Almost anyone could guess, though.—Quincy Times.

Warm Campaigns.
Municipal campaigns in Jacksonville and Pensacola are assuming considerable warmth. In both cities the contest for mayor seems to be the chief bone of contention. In Jacksonville there are three candidates, Mayor Nolan, W. G. Toomer and E. G. Blair, all good democrats. In Pensacola there are two candidates, C. H. Bliss is the regular White Democratic primary nominee, and C. L. Shine is being run by the republicans, negroes and a few disgruntled democrats.—Zolfo Advertiser.

Friday Closing.
Pensacola merchants have signed a petition that they would close business at 1 p. m. each Friday from May 26th until September 20th, both inclusive. The petition was circulated without the knowledge of the clerks, and many of the latter did not learn of it until they read of it in the local press.—Jacksonville Metropolis.

Effect is Lurid.
The Pensacola Journal says gloom seems to have settled over the Sunshine forces. The effect must be lurid.—Jacksonville Times-Union.

The Journal Printed During April 1905, a Total of 127,650 Copies Or an Average of 4,909 Daily.

The following figures show The Pensacola Journal's circulation for each day during the month of April, 1905, with the average number of copies daily:

April 1.....5,000 April 16.....5,000
April 2.....5,500 April 17.....5,000
April 3.....4,900 April 18.....4,700
April 4.....4,900 April 19.....4,800
April 5.....4,850 April 20.....4,800
April 6.....4,800 April 21.....4,700
April 7.....4,800 April 22.....4,700
April 8.....4,800 April 23.....5,000
April 9.....5,200 April 24.....4,800
April 10.....4,800 April 25.....4,600
April 11.....4,800 April 26.....4,600
April 12.....4,750 April 27.....5,100
April 13.....4,700 April 28.....4,100
April 14.....4,700 April 29.....5,100
April 15.....4,700 April 30.....5,600

Total.....127,650
Average Daily Circulation.....4,909

I hereby certify that the above statement is correct according to the records on file in this office.

HARRY B. SMITH,
Circulation manager.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 1st day of May, 1905.

J. P. STOKES,
Notary Public.

standing in the least with the rest of the boys.

Why not have some miniature "Bed Mattresses" made and use them in lieu of campaign buttons?

Democrats all over the state are watching Pensacola's municipal campaign and making note of the efforts of some so-called Democrats to defeat the election of the regularly nominated Democratic candidates. Pensacola seems to be the only place on the map of Florida where such a spectacle could be witnessed.

In his speech Thursday night, in what was evidently intended as a reference to this paper, Mayor Welles charged The Journal with being a menace to the community. The mayor must think his little political ring constitutes the whole community—The Journal knows of nothing outside of the ring it is menacing just now.

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SHACKELFORD CHALLENGES BLISS TO JOINT DEBATE.
Editor Pensacola Journal:
Mr. Chas. H. Bliss, at the meeting held in the Armory hall last Wednesday night, made the statement that the little pamphlet, "Bliss on Labor and Laboring Men," was a lie. He also stated that if the matter in the pamphlet on pages 14, 15 and 16 were to be found in his book on Labor Strikes, 1902, he would eat the book there and then before the audience. He also said that some of the things contained in the pamphlet were to be found in his book on Strikes. He also said he stood responsible for everything in the book on Labor Strikes, and would again repeat every word in the book if necessary.

Now I desire to ask Mr. Bliss why he did not tell the audience that the matter in the pamphlet found on pages 14, 15 and 16, were preceded by the following heading, viz: "Some extracts from Bliss in a paper, 'Common Sense,' published in Birmingham in 1902?" I would like to know if Mr. Bliss denies that these things on these pages were taken from his Birmingham paper, as stated in the pamphlet? Now to the point, for which this communication was written. I have compared this pamphlet with the book of Mr. Bliss on Labor Strikes, and the Birmingham paper of Mr. Bliss from which the extracts were taken which the pamphlet contains, and I find every word therein contained to be truly and correctly quoted from the book and paper mentioned. And I hereby challenge Mr. Bliss or any one of his supporters he may select, (one or more) to be present at the meeting of the Good Government League Forces, to be held at Seville Square next Thursday night at 8:00 p. m. to read and compare the pamphlet with the book and paper in the presence of the people. If the pamphlet is a lie the people should know it. Respectfully,

CADE E. SHACKELFORD.

THE LEGISLATURE AND LEGISLATION.
Florida Needs Immigration.
The legislature should give due consideration to the bills looking toward systematic effort to attract desirable immigration. Florida should have a permanent bureau of immigration, outside of politics, and devoted to building up the state. Immigration started the first settlement of white men on this continent, and has built every state in the Union. To neglect it is like neglecting the blood of the body.—Monticello News.

The Lid is Now Off.
The lid is being lifted and the odor of scandal pours forth from the state house. Will the legislature furnish the needed disinfectant?—Bartow Courier-Informant.

State Insurance.
If the present session of the legislature does nothing more than pass the bill for a state insurance company, it will have done for the people of Florida more than any previous session we know of. Of many iniquitous combinations, the insurance combine is easily the worst, and the people should be freed from its grasp.—Fernandina News.

Reform in Spelling.
The legislature, while working on educational lines, might settle the question in regard to spelling a few names of counties, towns, etc. in the state. Hillsboro county is on the map, yet many papers spell it "Hillsborough." Suwanee county is on the map, but is often spelled with two "s," while Bradenton is spelled without the "t" by the local papers.—Gainesville Sun.

Might Have Been Worse.
Well the boys will soon be returning from the "old red hills of Leon." About the biggest thing the most of them have done is to draw their six dollars per. As legislatures go, the present one stands about at par. The only consolation coming to the people is "it might have been worse."—Manatee Record.

"I Told You So."
Referring to the recent legislative report on the condition at the state hospital, Attorney General W. H. Ellis has the enviable opportunity of saying to the honorable members of the Board of Public Institutions, "I told you so," as it was he who insisted on a general investigation some three months ago when the board was considering the matter of asking Doctors Gwynn and Christie to resign. Had the board made the investigation at that time and acted accordingly, it would have, not only done what was right, but would have received the well merited commendation of the public instead of its unstinted censure as it is now receiving, on account of neglecting its duty and leaving the work that it should have performed for the legislative committee.—Quincy Herald and Era.

Tame Pigeons Next?
The legislature has protected bull bats. Now won't it extend its benign influence to tame pigeons?—Bronson Times-Democrat.

The Tired Idle.
To those who are employed and busy time files with great rapidity. Life is tedious only to the idle. Nothing is more monotonous than the ticking of a clock to him who has nothing to do but listen to it.—Anon.

It is a maxim with me that no man was ever written out of a reputation but by himself.—Bentley.

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8:50am ar Ft. Barrancas 11:40am
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2:00pm ar Pensacola 2:40pm
5:15pm ar Pensacola 5:55pm
7:00pm ar Pensacola 7:45pm
9:30pm ar Pensacola 9:45pm

SUNDAY SCHEDULE
Electric car will leave Pensacola every hour from 6 a. m. to 10 p. m. inclusive, and Saturday night only at 11 p. m., and leave Big Bayou for Pensacola every hour at 7:30, 8:30, and so on until 10:30 p. m., with the exception of the first car leaving Pensacola at 6 a. m., which will, on returning, leave the Big Bayou at 6:25 a. m., and the 2 p. m. car will leave Big Bayou at 2:40 p. m.

The above is the week day schedule which will begin Friday, April 15. Electric car will leave Pensacola at 7, 8, 8:50, 9:50, 10:50, 11:50, a. m. and 12:50, 1:50, 2:50, 3:50, 4:50, 5:50, 6:50, 8, 9 and 10 p. m., running through to the Big Bayou, and immediately returning from Big Bayou to Palmetto Beach will await arrival of steam train from Pensacola and will then run to Pensacola ahead of the train from Fort Barrancas.

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