# ? THE OCALA BANNER. 

The paper "Of the People, tor the People and by the People."
entablished 1866.
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## Cengressman Sparkman, of Tampa, as Crator of the Oceasion, Delivers a Eatriotic Speech - Fire Depart- "rent Exhlitions of Skill Well Reecived a Red Letter Day for Ocala Werchants- Fes- tivities Close With "Cake Walks" in the Evening.

Farly yesterday morning crowds participate in the bigg time promise all the strangers who entered our
gales on the Fourth of July, sud by tbe time the morning trains got in
sad deposited their human burdens sud deposited their human burdens
the eity was crowded with patriotic ceiebrators of every age, color and
ereed from every nook and corner of this and adioining counties. $\rightleftharpoons$ Hod the committee on arrange-
ments had the power to select the westher for the oceasion they could not have improved on that which
prevailed. The early forenoon was wery comfortable, and just as Old Sol
was getting in his choicest bit of summer heat, about noon, a delightful cail fell for about a half hour, leaving poot's ideal spring morning.
There was an abundance of ice wapoints on the streets where the festir-
ities were to take place, and the immense quantities of Ocala's excellent
water consumed during the day sbowels
iester
Pron
 ling hose, throwing streams of water,
etc-and Marion Hose Company No 1 was again the successful winner of the first prize. Time: No. .
seeonds; No. $4,392-5$ seconds.
Everybody seconds; No. 4, 39 2-5 seconds.
Eserybody then repaired to the
baseball
grounds,
where exeiting games were played.
The game played at the ball park
by the Ocala and Tampa clubs (white) was the most exciting one of many Was the most exciting one of many
months and resulted in the home
team being defeated by a score of 9 to team being defeated by a score of 9 to
6. Another game will be played at $10: 30$ this forenoon, and the Ocala
boys promise to redeem themselves and sustain their past record. As the colored baseballists eould not
arrange with any out-of-town tem to arrange with any out-of-town team to
meet them on the diamond, the Ocala Propers and Ocala Excelsiors, both
this city, crossed bats. This game resulted in a visetory for the former by
score of 17 to 6 .
The ball games, white and colored, astic crowds. ings was the climbing (and attempts at climbing) of the greesed pole,
planted in the northwest corner of planted in the northwest corner
the courthouse square. A large ham was suspended at the top of the pole and
merchandise to the winner, caused many to make a trial, much to the amusement of spectators. After sev-
eral hours oi unsuccessful attempte by others to get the prize, Ezekiel smith, colored, captured it, and many were the envious eyes that fol lowed him as he bore his hard-earned
trophy away. trophy away.
A horse race
engaged the attention of lovers of that sport at $3: 30$ in the afternoon, between Mr. J. H. Blackiston's swiftfooted steed and one from Tampa,
the former winning the half mile run by thirty-five yards. It is rumored that several of Ocala's horse admirers are jingling about $\$ 1000$ of foreign capital this morning as a result of the
race. Throughout the entire day the cititifuland patriotic music which was rendered by the Metropolitan Band, colored, which was greatiy apprecicoler
ated.
Notes.
Mayor Fishel and his corps of workers who made the Fourth a memorable
day in Ocala's history deserve every whit of the praise being bestowed on
them by our appreciative citizens. The cash sales of one of our retai Mr. Raymond B. Bullock, as mar Mr. Raymond B. Bullock, as mar-
shal of the day, was a stunning suc-
cess and performed the duttes of his office admirably. His aides, Messss.
S. R. Birdsey and Cliford Anderson,
also proved to be the right men in the right place.
We are under obligations to Mr. J
F. Wiliamson, one of judges, for While everybody made plenty of
noise and had a good time generally, the sussence of the rowdy1sm usually
indulged in on similar oceasions, wa
especally noticeable. the mercantile history of Ocala.
The two bailoon ascensions went off
without a hitch, and altogether were thoroughly understands his business


The crowning features of the day. festivities were the "cake walks" the
the whites at the armory, and the
Hacks at Marion opera house. Both places were packed, and the laughter
and applause spoke too plainly of how much the performences were enjoyed
At the armory, Charlie Brian, as "Mr Grabba Chickev Southcut," and
bert Beek as "Miss Holdemround De Neck," won the prizes for the best
"cake walkers," and Robert Mathews as "Count Highstepper Blueblood,"
and Lee Miller as "Miss Bridgewh is and Lee Miller as "Miss Bridgewhist
Boobyprize," for the best costumes. Boobyprize," for the best costumes.
The whole performance was a seream-
ing success, Judging from the aping success, Judging from the ap
plause at the opera house, the colored people also also had bushels
Science has found that rheumatism
is caused by uric acid in the blood This poison should be excreted by the
kidneys. Foley's Kidney Curo alway kidneys. Foley's Kidney Curo alway
makes them well. Anti-Monopoly mak Store.
the day We celebrate.

HON. STEPHEN M. SPARKMAN'S PATRIOTIC ADDRESS.
refers to ocala as "that gem among the cities of the state."

- Speaks of Incidents Relating the Declaration of independence Over a the Nations of the Earth-Lib. erty the Rightful Boon of the Luman Family-Pleads to
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## Eellow Citize Gentlemen

I wish at the outset to thank you fo the kindness manifested by the invi tation given me to address you. Al
though we belong to the same geo though we belong to the same
graphical section of Florida, and not withstanding that I hail from a which lies at your very door, and within three or four hours' travel of
sour city, this is the first opportunity your city, this is the first opportunity
I have ever enjoyed of speaking to an audience composed mainly of the people of Marion county and Ocala And appreciating more highly than can express in words the invitation
extended to me, I wish to thank extended to me, I wish to thank you which it affords me of meeting and addressing the people of Marion coun ty and of this section of the state. I am also glad to be here and to
witness the evidences of growth and witness the evidences of growth and hand. We all remember too well the great disaster which overtook Flor. ida's leading industry a few years ago a misfortune the like of which no sec
tion has ever experienced since civi war killed and devastated in the South more than a third of a century
ago. This great calamity fell heavily ago. This great calamity fell heavily
upon all portions of South Florida, more upon some sections than upon icy fingers are almost obliterated, and the town of Ocala-that gem among the cities, of the state-thoroughly imbued with the spirit of progress, is
still abreast of that wave of advancement now passing over the South
and which embraces Florida, in its on ward march. Situated in one of th most fertile regions of the state, the which are unsurpassed, with a people
active, energetic and progressive city in Florida has a brighter future
than has Ocala, and none I ventur than has Ocala, and none I venture
to predict will surpass her in future But my friends I am pleased to meet
you for other reasons. We are all
American citizens, and as such no day appeals more strongly to our pa-
triotism, our love of home, of country and of liberty than does the day
whose anniversary we are now cele
brating. Diversified, it is true, are trating. Diversiniad follow. Some of
the vocations which for may belong to the so-called learned
us professons; others may follow mer
chantile and kindred pursuits, why
many may belong to that larger and
more important class, known as the But whether lawyer or physician preacher or layman, merchant or
clerk, farmer or mechanic, our every
heart's throb is in unison with the sentiments which gave birth to th
day we now celebrate, and we al
alike stand with uncovered head in and stripes, even in the face of pass
ing history, are still the emblem of liberty, as they, are of national and
majestec power, and whose foids only
wave today whether wave today, whener, as a result
land or foreign shore,
of the triumph of those principle which make this day dear to every
true American heart. But time was when the flag mean
more for humanity than it does today more for humanity than it does today
when the Declaration of Indepen those in high places, but that tim though recent, is not now; and in
view of the events, of the immediate past, the conditions which surround
the present, and the uncertainties which cloak the future, it is fit and proper that American citizens should
gather here and elsewhere throughout the land on this day to commem-
orate the birth of liberty on American shores, and to pledge anew thei can shores, and opledge anew their
devotion to the principles which hav


#### Abstract

honor of their great, and to commem orate victories obteined over thoe who assailed their liberties. They kept their festal days of joy and exultation, as the fourth day of July and other national holidays are com- memorated by the American people. memorated by the American penple. Indeed, these votaries of liberty in ancient Greece sounded all the shoals and measured all the depths of honor and fame, and a chieved immortality and fame, and achieved immortality in every department of human activity. Bo, too, with the Roman republic. Her foundations were laid deep and wide on the shores of the Mediterwide on the shores of the Mediter- ranean, and for a time withstood the assaults of despotism and tyranny. For generations before the light of the Christian era bathed the world in it beams, the Roman citizen had be- come immortal in art and arms, and today the devotee of liberty loves to today the devotee of liberty loves to dwell upon that period as markigg one of the grandest eras recorded in one of the grandest eras recorded in the annals of the past. True it is that liberty's sun did not Greece, or to light the pathway of the Greece, or tight the pathway of the Roman citizen; for the power of king and emperors, aided by venality and corruption among the masses, was able flnally to overthrow the liberties of the people, and to enthrone the tyrant where they once reigned supreme. But liberty was not dead. And although its light had paled in Southern Europe, and the glory of the Greek and the Roman had gone principles of liberty had not ruled in vain. They had left their imprese upon the world's history, and had shown their power for good in the de- velopment of the human race. They had built a monument of light, of liberty, of science, and of art, which will stand, and will forever endure, towering up on the background of his tory like a gilded do dark and distant sky. The dark ages came, to be sure, and liberty appeared to sleep for a thousand years; but it was not the sleep of death, for her achievements and he glory still lived and gave glory still lived and gave hope to the oppressed, as they were ever the terror of absolutism throughout those gloomy ages. But the tyrant ravaged fairest por- tions of earth for centuries with the tions of earth for centuries with the sword and the torch. Despots ruied sword and the toreh. Despots ruled with an iron hand, and the condit'on of mankind was deplorable to the las degree. still the wheels of progress and of civilization had been only temporarily checked. The germ of lib erty had not perished from the earth it was immortal and could not die.




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