THE OCALA BANNER.

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The health of Florida was never better at this season of the year nor at any other season.

The Atlanta Constitution suggestively remarks that the Tampa strike leaders are "still at sea."

Brother Godwin, of the Gainesville News, thinks "mercy" is thrown away on "sinners" and should be reserved for "saints."

Mr. Bryan delivered a labor day oration at Kansas City, marched in the ranks of the labor parade and was cheered along the route.

Why not make Mr. Wallace Stovall, the editor of the Tampa Tribune, the next mayor of Tampa. Grover Cleveland was first mayor of Buffalo before he was made governor of New York.

It is rumored that Col. Bob Anderson, of Ocala, will be a candidate for Congress if Colonel Sparkman can be prevailed upon to make the race for the United States senate.—Tampa Tribune.

Mr. Wallace Stovall, editor of the Tampa Tribune, has returned from a trip to Greater New York, the Pan-American exposition and other places of summer travel. The letters he wrote back to his paper stamp him as the coming journalist of Florida.

Our friend across the street is making a very great effort to recover his voice. He really has not had full posession of that organ since his famous trip to North Carolina. And that was the only time during his long residence in the south that his mouth spoke as the fullness of his heart directed.

It may be all right for the Times-Union and Citizen to recover its voice along the lines pointed out by our neighbor across the street, but, along that line and on that particular subject it would be well for our neighbor itself to keep a discreet silence. There are times when silence is golden.

A gentleman on board the train the other day remarked that he did not see why our neighbors across the street should have withdrawn from the Times-Union and Citizen's Pan-American free trip contest for "the most popular editor." He said their votes would have done that and saved them the trouble.

At the old town of St. Joseph, once the most flourishing seaport of Florida, millions of brickbats and whole bricks mark the cite of the town that once had from 5,000 to 15,000 inhabitants. The only inhabitants there now are cattle and sand hill cranes. Yet this place back in the thirties and forties, was the most important place in the state. It was here the first constitutional convention was held and it came near being the capital of the state. Yellow fever in the early forties depopulated the town, and from that time on it went down. Many of the houses were moved to Apalachicola.

MOTHERHOOD

Is a natural instinct which shows itself in the girl as soon as she is big enough to play the mother to her doll. Unfortunately the womanly health does not always keep pace with the motherly instinct, and when real motherhood comes it often comes to mothers who suffer intolerably during maternity and who are unable to nurse the weakling child which frets and moans in their arms.

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MUZZLE THE BAD ONES.

In the discussion of the divorce law recently enacted by the legislature of Florida the Ocala Banner has endeavored to be perfectly fair and impersonal in its statements.

It has never lost its temper and it were best, perhaps, not to do so now.

It quoted from such authorities as Watson's Bible Dictionary, a standard work on all religious and ecclesiastical matters; Hon. Thomas M. Cooley, perhaps, the most eminent law writer the United States has so far produced, and from Wm. Hardcastle Browne's codification of the laws on "Divorce and Allimony."

It named the articles, cited the pages, and quoted the exact language from those eminent authorities, and the newspaper that does that cannot truthfully be accused of endeavoring to mislead its readers.

But what shall be said of the tribe of editors who, without a particle of evidence, wantonly proclaim that men like Tom Palmer, W. L. Palmer, C. A. Carson, Frank Adams, George P. Raney, R. H. M. Davidson, N. P. Broward, John C. L'Engle, W. A. Fulton, W. K. Zewadski, Speaker Watson, and men of that stamp were purchased by Henry M. Flagler for a price and naming the price!

If that is only regarded by the tribe as excusable, playful lying, the Ocala Banner hopes the cold-blooded ones among them will not be turned loose on a generous, trusting, confiding, forbearing people!

Not the System, But the People, to Blame.

Bro. Caldwell, of the Lake City Index and Jasper News, don't seem to be in love with the railroad commission in this state a little bit. Here is what he says:

A Florida newspaper closes an article with the remark that "we need the co-operation of the railroad commission in securing lower freights."

For heaven's sake, don't.

Don't mention it to the railroad commission of Florida.

If you do you will regret it.

That august body does only one thing; and it must be admitted by its most violent opposers that it does that one thing to perfection, and that is—its members draw their salary.

The railroad commission, with a big flourish of trumpets, held a special session of their high mightiness in Lake City to compel the railroads to build a union depot in that city.

Chairman Day made his decisions with a rapidity that "excited the admiration of all beholders."

Commissioner Morgan cross-questioned the "minions" of the corporations with such skill and ability that all the lawyers of Lake City, with one consent, took back seats.

The union station in Lake City was an assured fact.

The railroad commission of Florida had said it.

The thing just had to go.

There were no doubts about it.

The citizens of Lake City nudged each other in the ribs and said, "that's the way to do it."

The session of the Royal, High, Grand Railroad Commission of the State of Florida adjourned—and all work on the union passenger station at Lake City adjourned with it.

It is still adjourned.

And will continue adjourned till the railroads, on their own motion, shall determine otherwise.

Of all deadbeats in Florida the railroad commission of Florida takes the cake.

It is the most useless appurtenance that has ever fastened itself on our state government.

It don't earn the salt that seasons the mush of its members.

It weekly sends out high-sounding circulars to the hoodwinked press which sound its praises, but it can't advance one sound reason for its existence—except the salary its members draw.

An Appreciated Compliment.

The many admirers in Tampa of that accomplished journalist and estimable gentleman, Frank Harris, editor of the Ocala Banner, are pained to note his withdrawal from the Times-Union and Citizen Buffalo balloting contest. There were hundreds of votes being secured in this city for that gentlemen and his election was as sure as two and to make four. The Tribune hopes that he will reconsider the matter and remain in the race. If he will consent to the use of his name Tampa will cast over a thousand votes for him. He is deservedly popular and it will afford our citizens unalloyed pleasure to make him the winner.—Tampa Tribune.

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GET TOGETHER, GENTLEMEN!

Mr. J. B. C. Koonce, who is a member of the Florida legislature, a practicing attorney and editor of the Sumter County Times, defiantly asserts through the columns of his newspaper, in bold, small cap, brevier type, that—

"There is not a single state mentioned by the Banner in which insanity or idiocy after the marriage is a ground for divorce, and we challenge the Ocala Banner to produce the law of either of the states mentioned (excepting Arkansas) in proof of its contention."

While the editor of the Orlando Record, whose editor assumes more knowledge of the law than either Blackstone, Cooley or Koonce, says:

"And Mr. Banner man to the contrary notwithstanding, there are only **two** states and **one** territory outside of the state of Florida, where insanity is ground for divorces."

As these distinguished gentlemen disagree among themselves, perhaps, after all, Hon. Thomas M. Cooley and Mr. William Hardcastle Browne may be correct.

And what becomes of the Cincinnati Post, Chicago Chronicle, and the whole tribe of Florida newspapers who swore by the glory of Aaron's beard that Florida stands out alone like a weary rock in a desolate land in her monopoly of this foul and damning statute?

Gentlemen! don't point out that the Ocala Banner is in error until you can agree to some statement among yourselves!

Lake City Index.

A Question.

There are certain pious souls in Florida whose moral (?) sensibilities have been shocked, inexpressibly shocked, because the last session of the Florida legislature enacted a law making incurable insanity a ground for divorce.

Those of this class who happen to be "editors and proprietors" of weekly newspapers have reared back on their dew-claws, pawed the air, made the air dolorous with their mournful sounds and made all sorts of charges against the integrity of the individual members of the legislature, because of the legislation referred to.

For many years, it has been a law in this state that temporary insanity is a good and valid ground for divorce, and there is not a county in the state of Florida in which divorces for this cause have not been granted.

Now, will these pious (?) souls who make the air hideous with their howlings about the recent divorce law, please state, why they have been silent about the law that makes temporary insanity a ground for divorce, and raise such a howl about the law that makes permanent insanity a ground for dissolving the marriage tie?

The question is a fair one. It has been asked by us before and still remains unanswered. It is now and here propounded again.

Please answer, or cease your senseless, hypocrical tirades.

A Pen Picture of Hope.

Beyond this beautiful and rippling stream, just over the edge of the grassy knoll, there blossoms a rare and richly tinted flower.

They tell us that it is so rarely beautiful that it may have blushed to life at the touch of an angel's kiss, and caught its rosy blush from a burning star.

Beyond the pathless mountains that lift their blue peaks in the fading distance they tell us there is a charming valley that drinks the diamond dew of morning and bathes in the liquid sunbeams, clad in a verdue of everlasting green and dotted all over with flowers of every hue and shade.

Beyond the blue waves of the pathless ocean they tell us there is a clime from which the mellow sunlight of spring never departs, that is laden with the songs of birds of note and plumage, and peace, ease and plenty rule the lives of a people that never heard of war or pestilence. Beyond the curtain of darkness that hangs over this gloomy night there dwells a picture of morning, a picture of fresh new life—that teems to wake and move and breathe away the mists, and they tell us its foreground is hope and its background is pleasure.

Beyond the aches and struggles, the fears, the disappointments, the bitter trials and the wearing labors of Time we are taught is an Eternity whose higher possibilities give promise to calmer hours and sweeter rest.—Pecos (Tex.) Times.

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