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Now that Mr. Burr is again at the lemon stand, will the administration hand out the bags?

The general tendency of public opinion must always be accepted as worthy of serious consideration.

The "peace" conference delegates at the Hague are making "war" on the high hotel rates being charged them.

Roosevelt now favors an income tax. He is rapidly crossing the line and planting himself solidly on the democratic platform.

The Tampa Tribune wants to see a Tampa man run for governor. Why not push Robt. W. Davis into the ring again?—Fernandina Record.

Before he begins his campaign for railroad commissioner Mr. Royal C. Dunn ought to get rid of his newspaper at Madison. It does not show him off as a Hearst in the newspaper profession.

Senator Morgan's body, after lying in state at Washington, was taken to Selma, Ala., where it will be consigned to earth, mingled with the tears of those who loved him so well while living.

Wallace Stovall of the Tampa Tribune, got much the better of the Jacksonville Metropolis in the controversy over the water question for the two cities. And the fun is not over yet.—Fernandina Record.

The Atlanta Constitution continues to talk about red ripe watermelons soon becoming plentiful. The wagons, the fruit stands, the railway and express stations are galore with them in Florida, and have been for a time.

Jesse Burrs has the reputation of the man who "never sleeps" but if he were to visit the Ocala Banner office he would feel like one of the sleepy mummies of Egypt. We have forgotten the habit and do not know how to go about making preparations for it.

Editor John Temple Graves now thinks that Hoke Smith is the logical democratic candidate for president. Seems to us that it is a big jump from Roosevelt to Hoke Smith. But Hon. John T., like "Grandfather Watterson," is fond of springing sensations.

It is a settled fact that A. W. Gilchrist and R. H. Burr are candidates for governor. It is also a settled fact that if T. A. Jennings enters the race he will wipe up the earth with both of them.—Milligan Herald. Jennings has never been in politics before, so what gives him his great pull?

The mention of Judge Rhydon M. Call's name in connection with the governorship meets with great favor in Bradford county. Whether the Jacksonville jurist can be tempted into the contest is another question, but if he goes in he will prove a strong candidate—very likely the winning one—Starke Telegraph.

The representative of the New York Packer is in Marion county and is giving our watermelon and cantaloupe fields a personal inspection, and says we have a grand country. We certainly have that very thing. Why not come and help us subdue it and make it contribute more than ever to the happiness of mankind.

Do we understand that Editor John Temple Graves now proposes to make Hoke Smith the vice presidential candidate on the Roosevelt ticket, or does he propose to throw Roosevelt overboard for Hoke? He says that the Georgian is the logical candidate. It is funny about these editors and their candidates—we mean some editors.

Hon. E. L. Warmann of Marion county has been appointed a member of the board of control of the state's institutions of higher learning. Governor Broward could not have found in the whole state a man better suited for the position, and in making this appointment he may be sure that he will have the approval of every citizen who appreciates seeing state affairs placed in the hands of the best type of our citizenship.—Starke Telegraph.

A TALE OF TWO CITIES

This paper craves the courtesy and indulgence of saying to its esteemed contemporary—the Live Oak Democrat—that it at no time questioned the census figures, and does not do so now.

This paper was taught to believe that "figures do not lie"—especially government figures—and it religiously believes what it has been taught.

The census figures place the population of Live Oak at something over 7000, since which time the esteemed Democrat claims that it has grown two thousand more, all of which this paper patriotically concedes without question and accepts without a grain of salt.

Indeed, it is a delight to this paper to know that it is true.

The wise census enumerators gave Ocala a population of only [illegible] more or less, which likewise this paper has never called into question.

It was taught early in political life not to go behind the returns.

Besides this, this paper was taught also to believe that facts—like figures—are irrefutable things and are never to be denied, disputed nor disgraced.

Prompted solely by local patriotism, it pointed out a few facts in the history of Ocala which it thought worthy of admiration by all who loved remarkable and extraordinary performances.

It pointed out that with a population largely less than Live Oak's its hotel facilities are livery greater and its visitors substantially more.

It pointed out that the exercise of the franchise—that proud boast of the American people—was appreciated more in Ocala than in Live Oak. That when important state offices are to be balloted for Ocala casts a heavier vote than its big sister.

Why should good government not be promoted and fostered?

This paper showed that while Ocala's population is less than one-half as great as that of its postmaster is larger than the pay of the postmaster of Live Oak.

What does this signify? It signifies a high degree of civilization on the part of the people of Ocala, the work of the Ocala Banner, and is what makes Ocala the proud, [illegible] city it is.

Unsolicited and [illegible] facts are not always pleasant [illegible] possessions. Possibly [illegible] and [illegible] Live Oak, and [illegible] the postmaster [illegible] newspapers and [illegible] along political lines. And [illegible] Live Oak is proud of [illegible] a population of less than half that of Live Oak is proud of him [illegible] a greater.

It may be that a feather in the cap of Live Oak's postmaster [illegible] Surely educational institutions of the [illegible] population and importance and the community that can show the best results along this needful and necessary line deserves to wear the gold medal.

For a little town to make this big display it seems to this paper that it justly entitles it to any amount of friendly criticism and free advertising.

This paper regrets that these things make no impression upon the patriotic impulses and nobler instincts of its esteemed contemporary.

Ocala had a garage for so long a time that it has passed into ancient history; it has the real chauffeur with typical cap and goggles, and its bright-eyed girls and queenly women are proverbial.

But why continue to draw comparisons between a big town and a little one?

In this world happiness is the thing to be desired, and population does not always bring it about.

After being surfeited on the sweets to be found in the great city of London, Byron, from the very depths of his soul, exclaimed:

"There is a pleasure in the pathless woods,
There is a rapture on the lonely shore;
There is a society where none intrudes,
By the deep sea, and music in its roar."

The editor of this paper at times in his life has felt these poetic impressions and they have come to him in the heart of a big city—a city with the population if not with the pretensions of Live Oak—when the very impact of numbers made him lose his individuality and personality and feel his almost absolute annihilation. He has felt like a mere speck on the fleecy clouds, a mere bubble on the great expanse of ocean.

This paper accepts the place the cold and inexorable census figures has consigned it, and learns after all that a small place has its compensating virtues. You are not lost in the seething thraldom of humanity. Your friendships, though fewer, are stronger, and your comings and goings are not noted in a big city with the same degree of interest by the newspapers.

An editor of a rural newspaper out West has just returned from a visit to a town that figures conspicuously in the census tables, and he returns to his own home among his own people, every one of whom are personally known to him, and he writes after the following fashion:

"If you live in a large city you are lost. You are swallowed up by the ocean of people around you. You go down into the deep, and that's the last of you, except perhaps an occasional bubble that may come to the surface near where you were last seen. There are so many people you can't escape drowning. Society is not what it is in the smaller places where the human element enters in altogether. In the larger place the births and weddings in your family are of no more interest outside your own flat than are the wreaths of smoke curling up into the empyrean from the hearth fires of the [illegible] hurry crowd of interested acquaintances with their congratulations. The pearly drops of sympathy trickling down the world's cheek for some acquaintance who has died really through the same back door they used for coming in, are no more evidence of living mourners than are those in the eyes of the crocodile in a small circus when he sees a dinner party. Amidst a [illegible] are so many people that are not friends and when you [illegible] neither to a [illegible] where people are but a [illegible] friends are real [illegible] in their hands for you.

When the editor of the Live Oak Democrat grows tired and sorrowful with the whirr of machinery, the buzz of the electric car, the slam of the trolley and the noise of the hammer saw and anvil, the roar of the heavy wagons over the stone streets, lets the sun of his soul [illegible] in the morning through and sense a moment of respite and surcease from the daily and monotonous grind, we invite him to beautiful and delightful Ocala, where in moonlight nights we are entertained by enchanting open air concerts, the [illegible] of children on the lawns and pavements and the prattle of their voices, where the rush for the dollar has been dead long and the path that leads to peace has been scented [illegible]

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The Ocala Banner has [illegible] of freeing itself from a narrow and petty local jealousy and has systematically given praise whenever and wherever it is deserved, and its files will show that Live Oak has come in for a generous share. In fact I can quote items from the Democrat where the Ocala Banner has been specially singled out for its liberality and broadmindedness in this particular direction.

Our esteemed contemporary is laboring under an hallucination, or its eyeglasses have become a little out of adjustment.

Instead of being mad or envious, the Ocala Banner is in a very happy frame of mind, and if it had the power of a magician it would make Live Oak as rich as Troy, as beautiful as Babylon and grow with phantom speed.

There is nothing small or envious about Ocala or her local press.

There is unfortunately another side to the Orchard story. It paints a sad picture of our civilization, too, viewed from that "other side." Orchard worked himself up to believing that the troubles between organized capital on the one side and organized labor on the other was a war to the knife and contented that it ought to be conducted with all the heartlessness of real war—as war is conducted not only between civilized but between Christian peoples, and he planned his murders for all the world like a general of an army plans his battles. Yet we desecrate the one and immortalize the other.

It is reported that Hon. W. C. Gilkore of Wildwood, who ably represented Sumter county in the legislature, will be a candidate for commissioner of agriculture to succeed Hon. B. E. McLin. Mr. Kilgore is an excellent gentlemana, one who has the courage of his convictions and who would make an upright and capable official, and the Herald would gladly support him if Mr. McLin should decline to run.—Punta Gorda Herald.

This lets Mr. Kilgore out. If Mr. McLin—why ask the question? Do men who have a taste of office voluntarily let go?

Hon. Louis Massey Appointed

The Railway Commission Has Appointed Him as Special Counsel

Special to the Ocala Banner:

Tallahassee, June 15.—The Florida railway commission appointed Hon. Louis C. Massey of Orlando, today, special counsel for the commission under a recent act of the legislature, providing for the employment of special counsel, who is to have entire charge of all litigation for the railway commission.

Mr. Massey is a man of high professional standing and finest character. He was one of the attorneys recently appointed to codify the laws of Florida, and is highly commended for his work. His appointment was [illegible] JEFFERSON [illegible]

R. HUDSON BURR

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As we have said the [illegible] Burr has proved himself a strong [illegible] the people.

Naturally—because Burr has [illegible] the point two of the people [illegible]

Naturally—because Burr has [illegible] accomplished something for [illegible] place.—Wauchula Telegram.

If the Telegram will read the [illegible] issue of the DeFuniak Herald [illegible] see that that paper gives a [illegible] num of reasons why Burr should [illegible] for governor and the Herald is a [illegible] administration organ.

In his Ocala speech Mr. Burr [illegible] stated that he had [illegible] the way of carrying [illegible] for the reason that he was a [illegible] member and was therefore handicapped. Now that he is a major [illegible] and in a position to carry [illegible] it hardly seems [illegible] give up the race.

But he has a perfect [illegible] office and [illegible] that he [illegible]

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Still Another Name

Among all the candidates [illegible] the various state papers [illegible] next governor we see none that would make a better head of the state officials than our fellow countryman Hon. W. W. Hampton. For years one of the leading members of his profession in the state acknowledged by all as an example of a just, honest lawyer, and a man who in many trying instances has shown his acumen and forensic powers, we are in favor of trusting the affairs of the state to his hands.—Gainesville Elevator.

Mr. Graves Reaches the Acme of Glory

Mr. Graves, by appointment, reached Oyster Bay this morning and went to Sagamore Hill, where he was in conference with the president for nearly two hours. While the visit is designated as a purely personal one, it is understood that many things political in Georgia were touched upon.—A Telegram.

One Good Thing

Confederate veterans in Florida who want to get on the pension roll will at least have a good word to say for the late legislature. An additional tax of one mill was laid upon the tax payers to increase the pensions.—Live Oak Democrat.

J. M. Barco for Comptroller

J. M. Barco was for several years a resident of Gainesville, being register of the United States land office, and should he become a candidate for comptroller his old friends would line up for him in solid phalanx.—Gainesville Sun.

A Little Invidious

The editor of the Index believes that Hon. Marion S. Knight, of that investigating committee, if he finds anything wrong, will tell it. He is honest, and will rise above partisanship.—Lake City Index.

Still Another Barkis

Judge Isaac Stewart of DeLand intimated to us on last Tuesday that he might yield to the pressure and enter the race for governor.—Fernandina Record.

A New Orleans woman was thin.
Because she did not extract sufficient nourishment from her food.
She took *Scott's Emulsion*
Result:
She gained a pound a day in weight
ALL DRUGGISTS: 50c. AND $1.00

Mr. Crosby S. Noyes, editor of the Washington Star, one of the oldest and ablest editors in the United States, said that the newspapers had been good to Mr. Roosevelt; they have given him vigorous support in all his reform policies, have exposed all his savings and loans [illegible] all the events that [illegible] dorsed the man and [illegible] made his name a household word. Of course we [illegible] Mr. Noyes says [illegible] indebted to the newspapers [illegible] Governor Bennett of Fla. [illegible] over popularity with the newspapers. [illegible] not from a fair [illegible] men of very [illegible] millionaires [illegible] and [illegible] stands for what Parker [illegible] Roosevelt has made [illegible] the party in its policies. The [illegible] wants [illegible] Parker [illegible] has made a solid phalanx [illegible] Democratic [illegible] Democrats [illegible] Democrat [illegible] Democrat [illegible] Democrat