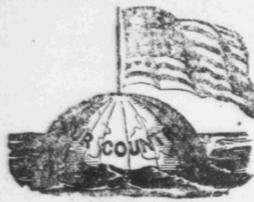


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If you were a corporation, wouldn't you like to be an electric railway company?

Governor Broward's appeal to the "great hearted" may be changed to the "hard hearted" after the primary.—Leesburg Commercial.

Jacksonville politics don't get any better, which raises the question: Can anything pure come out of that which is always otherwise?

Let labor right its wrongs at the ballot box. The time is now—Tallahassee Sun. Does the Sun refer to the Pensacola street railway strikers?

Despite his protest, the democratic state convention of Delaware is unanimously instructed to cast its vote for Judge George Gray in the national democratic convention to meet in Denver.

Senator Tillman's bill to suppress vagrancy in the District of Columbia has passed the senate without opposition. It is directed against the horde of negroes who have congregated in that city.

Property to the value of 5,000,000 taels has been burned by Pekin incendiaries, but just what question the Pekin night riders are debating with the authorities is not made plain in the cablegrams.

President Roosevelt is a very rich man, but he is not one of those awful "plunderbunds" that Senator LaFollette says controls the finances of the country, but he does his share of the controlling all the same.

It looks like Gus Morton and Hon. John N. C. Stockton have come to the parting of the ways. Gus has challenged him to meet him on the stump. There will be pepper-boxes, tobacco sauce, and all those kinds of ingredients.

"The stork is a very shrewd bird, a very shrewd bird indeed." "He must be. I notice he succeeds in occasionally delivering a package to one of the ultra fashionable set."

As the Madison Recorder is supporting John N. C. Stockton and not Albert W. Gilchrist for governor the presumption is that "no arrangements" were made. It is just when a newspaper supports some other fellow that this presumption holds good. Only one side makes "arrangements."

The legislature of Oklahoma wants to pass a bill making a wind jammer who is a candidate for any office, but more especially the office of senator, state at the opening of his wind jamming exhibition on a vote soliciting tour that he is out for himself and not trying to bunco the dear people.

The St. Louis Globe Democrat has discovered that during the past month of January this country put \$16,000,000 into new buildings and \$24,000,000 worth burned down. The editor says: "Americans seem indifferent about this leak, but it represents money enough to build a Panama canal every year, or to improve all the main rivers of the Mississippi valley."

Government by injunction, though rigorously condemned by the democratic Chicago platform, is yet being resorted to by democrats. The democrats of Dade county had recently to apply to Judge Minor S. Jones for an injunction to compel the county democratic executive committee to place certain names on the official ballot, and the New York state democratic convention was opened with a court order.

Among the many interesting papers read at the recent meeting of the state medical association, one of the best, entitled, "The Diagnosis of Choleraethiasis, or Gall Stone Disease," was read by that eminent surgeon, Dr. J. E. Boyd, of Jacksonville, Fla. Dr. Boyd is a modest, unassuming man, but is not only considered the leading surgeon of Florida but ranks as the first surgeon of the south. Dr. Boyd is a busy man, his entire time being taken up with numerous difficult and capital operations at the De Soto Sanitarium.

The day for the primary election is moving along apace. The election is now less than four weeks off.

THE MAN AND THE WOMAN

A story is told that once upon a time, in the long ago, a man who had soured upon the world, and except for the possession of one son, was all alone in it. He determined that this boy should be uncontaminated by the machinations of men or the wiles of women and to this end kept him studiously aloof from all association with the world. The child was carried to something like a monastery, and during all the days of his boyhood had not been permitted to look upon the face of a boy or a girl. After reaching man's estate he was walking with his father one day when suddenly and all unexpectedly they were confronted face to face with a radiantly beautiful maiden. Instantly the soul of the boy was set on fire and he anxiously asked his father what it was. "That is what is called a goose," his father replied, "and for your soul's sake you want to avoid it." "Whatever it is, father," said the boy, "I must possess it."

"There was recently a parallel to this story enacted in our prosaic, modern life, in the very capital of our republic.

Near Washington is a crazy or cranky community calling itself "The Woman's Commonwealth." The head of the organization claimed that she had a visitation from the Almighty, and was told that it was sinful to live with man. Believing the visitation real the woman quit her husband, succeeded in securing a few converts to her faith, moved to Texas, bought a tract of land and the community prospered financially. Two months after organizing her "commonwealth" a little girl was born to her.

Ten years ago the "commonwealth" sold their possessions in Texas and bought a farm of 172 acres in Montgomery county, Maryland, near Washington, and a large house in the city. Ten children, all girls, had grown up in the "commonwealth." They were taught to shun the very sight of man but as they grew up stole away and were married.

The daughter of the founder of the "commonwealth" had now grown to be a woman 29 years old. She had never known a man to as much as to speak to one until the other day, when she surreptitiously broke the rules of the "commonwealth" and was introduced to a Mr. Pratt, a hotel clerk, by a girl acquaintance. It was love "at first sight," and to make a long story short she followed her lover to Philadelphia, where they were recently quietly married.

"I don't know how it was," she said, "but after I was introduced to him I just wanted to see him all the time. I was crazy about him, and he was in my mind day and night, and I did not feel happy except in his sight. I just couldn't help it. I wanted to be right with him."

"My mother is very strict," she said, "and I guess she will never forgive me."

So this is the story of life. It was ordained this way when the first star sang in symphony with the heavenly spheres, and neither cranky men nor women can change it.

"God created man in his own image; in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them."

"And the Lord caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam and he slept; and he took one of his ribs and closed up the flesh thereof."

"And the rib, which the Lord had taken from the man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man."

"And Adam said: This is now bone of my bone and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called woman."

"Therefore shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall cleave unto his wife, and they shall be one flesh."

This is God's plan, and puny man with locks and chains and monasteries, and "woman's commonwealths" cannot prevent it.

THE BIG STICK

I hope every reader has studied President Roosevelt's last message to congress and weighed it well. Joking about the big stick, and pointing the finger at Roosevelt's quibbles and follies, does not in the slightest degree disprove the fact that he stands for a mighty moral revolution—a revolution that will put honesty into business and plow under the rot of our huge cities. Let every man that is born again take hold and pull along these lines. Mr. Roosevelt's superb vitality sometimes spills over into fields where he is not by any means intellectually equipped for sound judgment, but for all that he is a man called of God to make this people a people of righteousness. He is like Isalah, in the White House. Whoever next takes hold of the plow, whether Bryan, or Hughes, or Taft, or Johnson, they will find that the great issue will be a moral issue and a manhood issue, whether in terms of tariff, or state rights, or business honesty.—E. P. Powell.

A SOFT ANSWER TURNETH AWAY WRATH

President Roosevelt, on one of his busy days, characterized Mr. Jacob A. Riis as "the most useful citizen in New York."

From a recent occurrence in which Mr. Riis took part, we are led to believe that the president is correct in his reference to him. For fifteen years or more Mr. Riis and his assistants have been working in certain sections of New York city to improve them morally, socially, and in every other way, and have succeeded in doing so.

Last Sunday, Father James R. Curry, rector of the church of St. James, referred to the work of Mr. Riis in the "slums" and "social swamps," so called, and denounced him as a charity grafter. Father Curry said that it was not for his love of the children but that he was doing his work in order to perpetuate the Protestant theology. He said that his efforts ought to be directed to the neighborhoods of the up-town rich, where he would find more immorality. That Mr. Riis's visits to the poor in the slums is only a bluff at charity, his true purpose being to spy into the homes, to gaze into the private closets and reveal the family skeletons. "The home of the poor man," says Father Curry, "is as much his castle as that of the rich man, and is entitled to the same degree of respect."

Continuing, Father Curry said: "They call this section (mostly Jews and Catholics) the unweeded and unwatered human garden, and use every other vile name and opprobrious epithet expressive in depicting the conditions that inhere only to the most degraded of civilized humanity, and swoop down upon us like a flock of magpies and began to rake muck with vigor."

Father Curry's sermon was a very vigorous roast and he hurled all sorts of epithets at Mr. Riis and his associates.

Now, it is in his reply that makes Mr. Riis truly great.

He did not reply in kind. His reply was respectful and tolerant. It was couched in terms that lead one to truly believe that "a soft answer turneth away wrath."

He paid the Catholic church through its dignitaries the highest compliment. He said he was proud to enjoy the friendship of Cardinal Gibbons and other Catholic prelates of this stamp. "Our house," he said, "is for all of God's children. If Father Curry will visit us at any time he can see for himself, and he will be accorded a most respectful treatment, which he denies to us." Soft answers like this disarm criticism.

We believe President Roosevelt's very high compliment was not a mere random statement, as Mr. Riis in his rejoinder makes true the president's utterance.

THE MILITARY OCCUPATION OF PENSACOLA

Mr. Allan Rodgers, in a somewhat lengthy communication printed in the Times-Union of Saturday, closes his comments as follows:

The stop of the political close corporations with headquarters not a thousand miles from the Uedeman building, is way below par, and still "a drapping," and the drop will continue to be rapid until a few politicians who have run the city of Jacksonville wake up to the fact that their methods, when applied to the state of Florida, will not, should not, and cannot, succeed.

Just how long this military occupation will last no one can see. Outside the short, sharp words of commands are heard on every side.

The patrol passes with measured tread—tramp, tramp, tramp. The earth shakes beneath the war god, and law, order and justice, in its last analysis, rest upon a foundation of force.

A BUSY EDITOR

The editor of the Key West Advertiser is certainly a busy man, and has learned what a nuisance a caller without a mission is during the business hours of the day. Here is the polite way he touches the matter, while his nature seems to burn with a desire to say something else:

"Who does not dread the visitor who starts, then thinks of something else to say; rises, and then thinks of another subject of conversation; nearly reaches the door and then has another revelation; reaches the door, and most probably holding it open, is aroused to a degree of mental brilliancy that threatens his health and that of his host or hostess by long detaining of both in a cold draft while he discourses? What a tax on the patience of the listener who vainly strives, by assenting instantly to every proposition to end the interview and break the restraining bond of polite attention."—Live Oak Democrat.

"When the defendant told you to go to the devil, what did you then do?" "I went to see my lawyer."—Harper's Weekly.

MR. BURR'S AND MR. STOCKTON'S LETTERS

Before the legislature adjourned Hon. R. Hudson Burr made his announcement as a candidate for governor. He was the early bird and intended to gobble up the gubernatorial worm. That section of the press of Florida that are opposed to all public and private improvements immediately took up the candidacy of Mr. Burr and said that the newspapers that refused to support him would be only those that are owned and controlled by the corporate interests—the "peon press," the "cuckoo press," the "purchased press," etc.

A few months afterwards Mr. Stockton wrote several letters to certain newspapers saying that he had been urged against his wishes to become a candidate for governor. After the lapse of a month or more he entered the race, because, he said, he could get no one else advocating the policies he stood for to shoulder this great burden. So he became a full fledged candidate.

Hon. R. Hudson Burr now writes a letter declining longer to remain in the race, because he says that Hon. John N. C. Stockton stands for identically the same policies that he stood for, and it was not so much the office he wanted as it was to see these policies triumphant.

Now, the question arises, when Mr. Stockton was looking around for someone to shoulder "this gubernatorial burden," who stood for the policies that he stood for, how came him to overlook Mr. Burr, who had already announced his candidacy even before the adjournment of the legislature?

THE SITUATION AT PENSACOLA

Since that lone brick was thrown at a passing car, there has been no other excitement at Pensacola.

The thousand troops, with their glittering guns, are still encamped around about the circuit of the electric car line. The gatling guns are still frowning on the strikers and men arrayed in epaulettes and brass buttons are prominent on all the thoroughfares.

The sheriff has summoned one hundred and fifty of the most prominent citizens of Pensacola to serve as deputies and the fierce comedy is vigorously preserved.

The comments of the state press and the citizens generally are of such a nature that the troops will soon be sent to their respective homes, as the whole thing seems to be "much ado about nothing."

It does look like a county the size of Escambia and a city the size of Pensacola could keep in subjection less than one hundred car strikers.

IT IS UP TO EDITOR HILLSON

We are not concerning ourselves greatly with the governor's private affairs. * * * What we are particularly concerned about, though, is the public affairs of our state—those that affect the interest of every tax payer in the state. And now that Brother Hillson has acquired the habit of giving away state secrets we think he could write an interesting chapter on the organization and ownership of the Capital Publishing Company and state printing contracts. For instance, he might tell us who owned stock in this concern when he was its manager and to whom the stock was transferred when his connection with the business terminated, telling us especially whose stock is covered up in a certain mortgage given to the Capital City Bank, etc. The doing of his might entail on Brother Hillson a little self-sacrifice, but it is the opportunity of his life to do something really heroic as a reformer.—Starke Telegraph.

BANQUO'S GHOST WILL NOT DOWN

That Governor Broward made a serious mistake in ignoring the recommendations of the Hillsborough county democratic executive committee in the appointment of county vacancies, cannot be denied. There is a certain amount of courtesy due to the committee of every county, and when an official attempts to override them, he will naturally meet with strong condemnation. While a governor may be a very wise man, it is not supposed that he knows more what the needs of a county are than the people who live there, and for years have helped in the development of the said county.—Fort Myers Press.

ANOTHER RICHMOND IN THE FIELD

Hon. J. W. Knight of Floral City is a candidate for comptroller. Mr. Knight has been a member of the legislature for several years, and is a man in every way qualified for the position he aspires to. The candidates so far announced for this place besides Mr. Knight are A. C. Croom, the present incumbent, and T. J. Appleyard.—Gainesville Sun.

The dry weather is cutting short all the crops along the east coast except the potato crop at Hastings.

IT IS NOT RIGHT

Four years ago it was claimed that certain campaign literature was sent out from Tallahassee with pension checks that necessitated extra postage by the recipients—the old soldiers. This is being done again. The Recorder thinks it ought to stop. If it does not cease we shall call names.—Madison Recorder.

The Sun does not know that the old soldiers are subjected to extra postage on account of the enclosing of Comptroller Croom's campaign literature in the envelopes containing warrants for pensions, but we do know, of our own knowledge, that this reprehensible practice is being pursued, either with or without Mr. Croom's knowledge. If it is done without his knowledge, he should take somebody to task for it at once, for the comment of the old soldiers regarding the matter is anything but complimentary to him.—Gainesville Sun.

Governor Broward is going to bring suit against the Times-Union because that paper said that he had ignored the recommendations of certain democratic executive committees. It seems to us that his action would lie against the committees. For instance, he was censured by the committee in this county, the Times-Union printed the resolutions of censure; so it also printed the resolutions of the democrats of Hillsborough county, and of Dade and other counties. Why not bring suit against the committees, and why against the newspaper that simply prints the resolutions in the pursuit of its legitimate avocation of printing the news? The democratic party is committed to the policy of free speech and the tentative head of the party in Florida should not adopt methods to curtail this great privilege.

Claude LeWrangle of the Tallahassee Sun states that the very announcement of Broward's name carries with it the support of 15,000 Florida voters. If this be true, and we have no reason to "doubt" Claude's word, the newspapers should be ashamed of themselves for running an "ad" for the other candidates. With such a serious handicap of 15,000 votes against them what is the use of spending any money on the other 2000 or more voters? We would suggest that LeWrangle and Gov. Broward take their list of names to the Denver convention, lay it carefully before the leaders and demand the nomination of Broward for president. A man with a list of 15,000 names should either be president of the United States or president of a patent medicine company, where such a list would be worth millions.—Orlando Reporter-Star.

Gov. Broward is making a whirlwind campaign of the state and there is no denying the fact that he is gaining friends. He struck Palatka with a promise to secure, if elected, an appropriation for an 18 foot channel in the river from Palatka to Jacksonville, and as there is a suspicion in the minds of some people that this is a matter that is being purposely ignored by our present representatives in congress, the governor's promise met with a hearty response. This town is ready to boost the man who in turn will help boost Palatka but in this promise, as in the case of others that have been made (and broken) it would be well to make some inquiry concerning the probable ability of the promisor to deliver the goods.—Palatka News.

Col. T. J. L. Brown of Tampa, candidate for the United States senate, has withdrawn from the race. Col. Brown offers as his reason that his arduous duties connected with the state fair, and his prolonged absence from the state has placed him too far behind in the campaign to warrant the expenditure of time and money in an attempt to win the prize. His friends think he has acted wisely in the matter, and no doubt he has. His withdrawal from the race will not affect the political slate in this section.—Tampa News.

The Bartow Record has it all figured out that Stockton will win for governor and Lamar for United States senator. In Bradford county Mr. Stockton is undoubtedly stronger as a candidate for governor than he was as a candidate for United States senator four year ago, but Mr. Fletcher is the favorite of a majority of the voters in the senatorial contest.—Starke Telegraph.

DEEP CRACKS FROM ECZEMA

Could Lay Slate-Pencil in One—Hands in Dreadful State—Disease Defied Remedies and Prescriptions—Suffered Seven Years.

FOUND A PERMANENT CURE IN CUTICURA

"I had eczema on my hands for about seven years and during that time I had used several so-called remedies, together with physicians' and druggists' prescriptions. The disease was so bad on my hands that I could lay a slate-pencil in one of the cracks and a rule placed across the hand would not touch the pencil. I used Skin Lotion, Remedy and others externally but I did not use any internal remedy, and while some gave partial relief, none relieved as much as did the first box of Cuticura Ointment. I made a purchase of Cuticura Soap and Ointment and my hands were perfectly cured after two boxes of Cuticura Ointment and one cake of soap were used. I now keep them on hand for sunburn, etc., and use Cuticura Soap for shaving. I could write a great deal more in reference to my cure but do not want to take more of your time. William H. Dean, Newark, Del., Mar. 28, 1907."

CHILD SUFFERED With Sores on Legs. Cured in Two Weeks by Cuticura.

"My little daughter suffered with sores on her legs all last summer. Her feet were sore, too, and she couldn't wear her shoes. I think she was poisoned by running through weeds but the doctor said it was eczema. I tried several remedies but failed to find a cure. Then I sent for Cuticura Soap and Cuticura Ointment which cured her in two weeks. I find Cuticura the best I ever tried for any kind of sore and I hope I shall never be without it. Mrs. Gertie Laughlin, Ivydale, W. Va., Apr. 25, 1907."

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Lieutenant George Richards of the U. S. navy, is suing for a divorce from his wife, who is a daughter of ex-Senator Roger Q. Mills of Texas. The divorce proceedings will be rigorously defended by Senator Mills. Ex-Senator James K. Jones is his leading attorney. In his petition Lieutenant Richards says: "Despite the utmost efforts of the plaintiff to change the views of defendant and to persuade her to recognize his rights and her obligations under the marriage contract, he was wholly unable to do so. During all this period, almost nine years, the plaintiff, because of the affection he had for the defendant, renewed from time to time his efforts to induce the defendant to be his wife in fact, as well as in name, but she resolutely, and, when necessary, with the utmost vehemence refused."

The state democratic campaign committee has laid down the following as a guide to those who may vote in the coming primary: "Those, and only those, persons shall be permitted to become candidates before or to vote at or participate in the management of any primary election held by the democratic party in Florida, who are white democratic electors, who declare their adherence to the principles and organization of the democratic party—national, state and county—who are by the laws of the state lawful electors of the district in which they offer to vote, who have paid their poll taxes legally due not less than ten days before such primary election is held, and who shall, when challenged, by an elector, pledge in writing upon oath before an inspector his honor to abide by and support the result of such primary and vote for the nominees thereof."

Henry S. Mitch, one of eleven policemen dismissed from the service in Philadelphia, says that if the entire police force of that city were photographed and compared with those in the rogues' gallery many familiar faces would be found there. He says he knows one hundred who have served in the penitentiary for various offenses—burglary, highway robbery and other serious charges.

Bryan and defeat seems to be an acquired taste with the democratic party. And somehow acquired tastes are far the most persistent.—Baltimore American.

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