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TO THE VOTERS OF VOLUSIA COUNTY

As the time approaches for the nomination of a candidate for the State Senate, a large number of my friends throughout the county have asked me whether I intend to be a candidate. To all I have replied that, if the contest is left to Captain Sams and myself, I should like to try it over again. However, as there will evidently be other candidates for this office, I have no intention whatever of offering my name as a candidate. There are many fair-minded men in Volusia county in every way more capable of representing Volusia county than myself. I was a candidate in 1906 simply because no one else would make the race. I am not a candidate now, and do not intend to be unless conditions should demand the candidacy of some person who is willing to serve the people and not the corporations.

I shall ever appreciate the most flattering vote of 1906, when a change of 24 votes out of nearly 1200 would have placed me, instead of Captain Sams in the Senate.

CHRIS O. CODRINGTON.

It is unwise to be too courteous to some people. They are incapable of appreciating it, and will try to impose on the person who extends the courtesy.

While Broward was governor, he made several trips to different points of the United States where he attended public meetings and made addresses. At one time the corporation press couldn't say enough mean things about his neglecting his duties at Tallahassee and spending his time talking in other States. Today Governor Gilchrist is in Spokane, way out in the northwest corner of the United States. Mr. Gilchrist has been making speeches—and good ones, too, but the corporation press is not saying mean things this time. They are publishing the speeches. It doesn't make much difference what is done, but it does make a lot of difference who does them. Governor Gilchrist is doing a fine work for Florida. His appearance among the people of the great Northwest is showing them that all Floridians haven't horns and don't go around with alligators and snakes in their pockets.

A COUPLE OF LETTERS

MR. APPELYARD TO MR. CODRINGTON
 TALLAHASSEE, AUGUST 6, '09.
 Mr. Chris O. Codrington, Manager The News Publishing Co., DeLand, Fla.

DEAR CHRIS. We are going to risk addressing you by this old title, because of old times friendship's sake. And then the "Dear Sir" is too cold and formal. Then again, your signature of "Manager of the News Publishing Co." has a corporation sound to it that is absolutely repulsive to an anti-corporationist like myself. But that didn't prevent you—hedged about as you are by the corporation taint—from working off the old gag: "worn-out political hacks and corporation hangers-on," one of whom you are which, or you wouldn't be at the head of the NEWS Publishing Company, which we understand is incorporated, and therefore you are one of the bunch.

Now, Chris, you are mistaken in saying "I do not suppose you will publish this correction of your unfair and scheming spunk." We cheerfully give place to it, as we always like to be set right as that is the only way it would ever get any circulation. If you confine it to the News to get that, you would make a miserable failure—just as you did, in your county, when you went after Frank Sams' scalp, but failed to get it, because your home people knew you.

There's a whole lot of your kind, Chris, that are hoping that "The time may come when the State of Florida sees fit to employ a State Printer." Visions of graft have circled around more than one head in the fond hope that this State of affairs might happen. But read more,

Chris. Get the report of the committee of the Legislature of California, and see what that great State suffered at the hands of the grafters. These gentlemen say that if one million dollars had been taken out of the State treasury and put out at interest, and the interest money destroyed, instead of going into the printing business, the State would have been better off. But you don't read enough, old man; unless it be invoking speech through mediums from the other world. You are up to a great extent on spirit-ualism, but shy on the affairs of this mundane sphere. Get busy, and enlighten yourself. You'll feel better, when you let the fellows who have gone dead slumber till our friend Gabriel "toots his horn in the mornin'."

The certificate you speak of, Chris, demonstrates your ignorance again. This certificate is to the county commissioners; not to the publisher. He is supposed to print the laws that are handed to him by these guardians of the county, and they keep the certificate to prove that these are the laws. "Not necessarily for publication, but as an evidence of good faith." They bear the same relation to it, Chris, that a steple does to a church or the curl in a pug dog's tail—you don't know why they are put there, but they are there, just the same. We are glad, old friend, and you will see we are right.

We are glad to know that the News is prospering. It has needed it for a long time. And if you have supplied 22 counties, you have done well. Well, you remember the story of the fellow all disfigured from a fight, and on his friends sympathizing with him, he exclaimed, "You ought to see the other fellow." If you have done so well, Chris, and we have done so well, just think about the other fellows who went into this game. You and I have cause for congratulation. They were not in it a little bit.

And now, Chris, don't get red-headed about this—pardon the application—but get a hump on yourself from now on. Your short experience in going out after other fields to conquer has helped you. It broadens a man some, this going away once in a while. Your trip to Philadelphia helped you some, a few years ago, and you weren't near as ferocious against corporations when you got back home. You had discovered that some of them had souls—the Monotype people for instance—who had given you a lift, and that there were good corporations and had ones, and you had struck up with one of the former.

The communication will appear in the Index, as requested, but it will not get its insertion until the 15th, and that is an unlucky date—for you. It has just happened that you are getting these fatherly admonitions without cost, except that of the type-setting and the space it occupies in the paper. We have to spank a youngster once in a while, and are applying it to you right now. But it will help you in after years. And when you are invoking the presence of the departed in after years, when the editor of the Index has passed to that realm whence no good editor ever returns, and you ring us up, and we are asked to vouch for Chris Codrington, we shall say, "Yes. He's a good fellow all right. But put him in the chamber with the anti-corporationists, because if you don't, he'll be giving you trouble, and a plenty of it." In other words, when we get there, Chris, we shall say a good word for you.

Very truly yours,
 T. J. APPELYARD.

MR. CODRINGTON TO MR. APPELYARD

DELAND, FLA., AUG. 18, 1909.
 Mr. T. J. Appleyard, Lake City, Fla.,
 DEAR TOM:

George D. Prentice, editor of the Louisville Journal, had the reputation of being the most cutting and sarcastic paragrapher of his times. The following is a sample of his wit. A rival paper contained the following innocent item one morning.

"It was so cold last night that the editor slept all curled up in his bed." Prentice, copying the item, replied: "This proves what we have said all along, that this fellow lies like a dog."

Your lengthy effusion—or diffusion—or profusion—or confusion—reminds us of the lines from Penelope with reference to the "flowers that bloom in the spring, tra-la." Will you please inform an anxious public what connection Chapter 5077 (No. 108), forbidding the capture of "food fishes in the rivers, creeks and bayous of Citrus county, State of Florida," has to do with a general law applying to Volusia, or Franklin or Leon or Columbia county? Do you know what a general law is, Thomas. You know what a dollar is, don't you, Thomas, and you know what became of all the dollars the newspaper men of the State used to

donate each year to the "Florida Press Association." Do you remember Thomas, those handsome little minutes, printed with tar on a worn out proof press and sewed on a sewing machine, that you used to get out, Thomas? Or have you got a convenient forgettery?

I have, Thomas, no vain regrets over the senatorial race of 1906. If you had been my opponent, instead of Capt. F. W. Sams, I should probably have gotten all the votes there were.

Which reminds me, Thomas, that you have been a candidate yourself—that is, you thought you were—more than once, Thomas, but the people thought—well, you weren't elected, were you, Thomas?

THE NEWS is doing very well, thank you, Thomas; we are still able to pay some of our bills, and our credit is good in DeLand. How is yours in Lake City, Thomas? THE NEWS has never yet been censured or boycotted by the best citizens of the place. Can The Index say as much—truthfully—we mean, Thomas.

Your reference to my personal physical affliction, Thomas, I will refer to only by informing you that a few years ago Volusia county was represented in the House of Representatives by a gentleman with only one leg—the other was lost in the defense of his country. So far as I know, there was no one with so little breeding or good sense as to refer during the campaign to this worthy gentleman's misfortune. South Carolina is represented in the U. S. Senate by a man with only one eye, and Oklahoma by a blind man. So far as I have been able to learn by a very studious reading of the Congressional Record, reference to these gentlemen's misfortunes are not considered good points to make in an argument on the floors of the Senate. One of DeLand's best and most honorable business men has lost a leg—but he is still honest. Thomas and his credit is good, Thomas. I thank God that these people, two of whom are my personal good friends, are afflicted only by the loss of organs of sight or locomotion, Thomas, and not by the utter loss of all manly feeling or the thoughts and sentiments of a gentleman. In a beauty contest, Thomas, neither you nor I would draw many capital prizes, would we, Thomas?

As Penelope said, however, Thomas, "the flowers that bloom," etc.

Very truly yours,
 CHRIS O. CODRINGTON.

P. S. I would sign myself "fraternally yours," Thomas, did I not consider it unwise and impossible to fraternize with Geo. D. Prentice's description of his competitor.

C. O. C.

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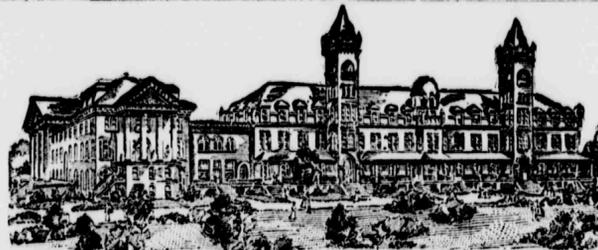
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