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Enough, this spelling reform business is likely to hav'at sleding before it gets thru.

Hon. Park Trammell has decided to not enter the lists at the present time for Congressional honors.

The man who always walks on the sunny side of the street expects to leave his creditors in the shade.

An Ohio woman has left her husband because he talked in his sleep. He should have waited until he heard her more.

Bibles are to be put in all the rooms of the Savannah, Ga., hotels. Of course, they will be attached to good, strong chains.

And now "Our Bob" is bobbing up again as "an available candidate" for Governor. He has always been a popular favorite.

One of the faith healers offers to cure poverty for \$5 a treatment. Here is another splendid chance for poor people to get rich quick.

There is one great obstacle in the way of a Southern man being able to reach the White House—they would rather be right than be President.

Perhaps Mrs. Weston thinks that if she can't forgive the trustees of the University for what they have done, she might forget them if they would resign.

Thomas J. Appleyard, the ubiquitous editor of The Florida Index, is a candidate for Railroad Commissioner, and it can be put down as certain that he won't be put down as one of the "also rans." He is eminently qualified for the position.

It all depends on who takes the money, whether it is stealing according to Geo. Home. A man who lifts a nickel to buy bread for his starving children is a thief. To help elect a President with other people's money is a bit of diplomacy, we expect.

The Philadelphia Inquirer has taken the pains to investigate the affairs along the East Coast railroad, where the construction gang is at work, and finds it about as good as any railroad camp. Some of the fellows who came down from Philadelphia thought they were going to have Sunday dinner at the Royal Palm.

Editor McKenzie of The Palatka Times-Herald is a candidate for the Legislature from Putnam county. The people of Putnam will find in Mr. McKenzie a man who will make them an able representative if he is chosen by them, as he has been a resident of the city of Palatka for many years and knows the needs of that county.

The appearance of a number of Chinese in our city need not cause any fear, as they are only in our midst on peaceful pursuits. We must expect to see foreigners in our cities if we keep up with the procession in free America, and as we grow the more cosmopolitan our population will be. The only wonder is that we don't have more foreigners in Florida, for there is no land on which the sun shines that surpasses it as a place to make a home.

CARD FROM SENATOR M'CREARY

Explains His Position in Regard to Candidacy For Re-Election.

To the Democrats of Alachua County: Many of my friends having requested a full explanation of why I withdrew from the Senatorial race and afterwards again decided to stand for re-election, I comply as follows:

When I returned from the last session of the Legislature I had no idea of being a candidate this year. I had been under a great strain during the session and was broken in spirit as well as health, for, as I had frequently stated to friends, I would rather have been brought back to Gainesville a corpse than seen the dear old East Florida Seminary abolished during my term as Senator.

Some weeks ago, however, friends insisted that I again become a candidate. I replied that I could not spare the time and did not have the money to make a campaign such as I made four years ago, but the request for me to run again became so general that I consented to do so, provided I was assured there would be no opposition. I was advised to see Major Thomas, who had led the opposition to me four years ago, but with whom for the past two years I had worked hand-in-hand for the best interests of Alachua county, and who knew of my services during the last session. He assured me that the people realized and appreciated my services in the Legislature, and that he felt he could speak for those who were most prominent in opposing me four years ago and say if I would consent to return to the Senate there would be no opposition, only one assurance to be given by me. I gave my word in this particular, and the next morning my announcement appeared, having been assured that my candidacy was for the best interests of the county. In a few days I heard of efforts to bring out first one man and then another against me, and, on the afternoon of the 19th of March, Dr. J. F. McKinstry, Jr. informed me that though Major Thomas was loyal to me he could not control certain of his friends, who had made up a large purse and requested Col. John B. Dell to make the race against me; that the fight would be a bitter personal one, etc. The same night, after I had retired, I was called up by telephone and requested to meet a friend at his office. I met him as soon as possible and was informed, as I understood, that Col. Dell had consented to make the race, with plenty of money back of him. The fight was to be waged on personal lines, and, as this friend knew my position in the matter of consenting to become a candidate, he felt it his duty to make the facts known to me.

It was late at night, and I had promised to return to my wife as soon as possible. I realized that I had some most unforgiving enemies, and that while I felt Col. Dell would not personally be a party to such a dirty campaign as I had been informed would be waged against me, he could not control some of his supporters in this matter; I had no money with which to fight the large sum which I had reason to believe had been contributed as a campaign fund against me, and, without consulting anyone, went to The Sun office and published the announcement of my withdrawal.

Early the same morning this announcement appeared Mr. Perry M. Colson came to the office and left the announcement of Col. Dell's candidacy as my successor. Within a few hours I was informed by friends of Major Thomas that the latter would be a candidate against Col. Dell. Many of Col. Dell's friends informed me that the very men who were urging Major Thomas as a candidate were the ones who had insisted upon Col. Dell opposing me. Politics were warmer in Gainesville than I had seen them for years. Friends of mine besieged me to again enter the race, stating that I had retired in the interest of harmony, but as the latter was not now in sight, it was my duty to again become a candidate, to which I finally consented, and am in the race. I have no money to pit against contributions of those interested in the success of my opponent, nor can I spare the time just now to make a canvass. The people know me and know whether I have been true to their interests. I have not said a word detrimental to Col. Dell. I honor and respect him, and if the people think he can better represent them during the next session of the Legislature, no man will more gracefully acquiesce or prove more loyal in support of his efforts to promote the interests of Alachua county.

In conclusion, I desire to say that I honestly believe the present situation has been brought about by overzeal-

HALF OUR ILLS ARE CATARRH.

"Every family should know the important fact that catarrhal diseases claim 200,000 victims in the United States each year. In spring and summer, catarrh of the stomach, bowels, liver, kidneys and pelvic organs is most common."

---S. B. HARTMAN, M. D.

ness on the part of friends of all parties concerned, but I have no word of censure for anyone, friend or foe.

I appreciate the support of all in the past, and give my word of honor that if I am returned to the Senate no citizen of Alachua county will ever have cause to regret my presence as the representative of the best citizenship of the State of Florida.

As to my sincerity in desiring harmony, I leave it to those to judge by my action last Monday night, at the citizens' meeting, when I accepted every proposition made to me, including the one to leave it to a rising vote to say whether Col. Dell or I should remain in the race, though my friends, as well as myself, were aware that I was at great disadvantage, not being aware that such a proposition would be made or that the meeting would take up the question of Senatorial candidates.

Very truly,
 H. H. McCREARY.

WILL BE A STATE ISSUE.

The Jacksonville Metropolis says that it must be apparent to all observers that there is to be a heated and determined contest in the next Legislature as to the Buckman educational law. Those opposed to its provisions and those favoring it are now at work, and the clash will come at the next session in Tallahassee. The work accomplished under that law will doubtless all be upset and nullified if one faction can elect its candidates. It will be equally so with the other faction to retain the law and encourage the progress of carrying into effect its provisions.

It is to be regretted that there is such strife apparent over the new law, and that all contention cannot be amicably adjusted without making a State issue of it. The courts so far have sustained the validity of the law, thus giving the advocates of it material advantage. Instead of appeasing the opposition thereto, it seems the decisions have spurred that faction to

greater effort, and they may yet have their revenge by electing members sufficient to repeal the law.

The new law's enforcement, for the two years it has been in operation, and the result, will be points of interest to the tax-payers and those interested in State education. The friends of the law assert it will save thousands of dollars heretofore frittered away on State colleges and now spent on county schools to good effect. The question is by no means a local one, but a State issue.

RUSSIAN STRUGGLE.

The Outlook prints a letter from a Russian mother in regard to conditions in her country. From this letter the following extract is taken:

"Some optimists think that everything is nicely calmed down, and that Russia is really going to have a Parliament and a Constitution. God grant it. But those who believe in it are very few. Most think that all is ended as it always used to end before: the government has been the strongest; and now, after killing so many of its own people, it feels again the strength in its hands, and won't drop a particle of its 'unlimited' power. This means reaction, endless arrests and disposition of men, loss of so many young, innocent lives, dark, cruel captivity in the fortress of Siberia, as before; no liberty of speech, no liberty of press, no liberty at all; but the old yoke heavier than ever. It means more blood and tears for our children, as no nation can stay always under the iron grip."

This takes a dark view of the situation in Russia. If this woman is right, and she writes intelligently, then the struggle between autocracy and liberty is to be long and bitter indeed. The dispatches from Russia describing the elections as a farce with terrorism on the part of officials in preventing a free expression of public opinion come as a speedy confirmation of her statements.

MAYOR THOMAS.

The following letter was received by The Sun, and we give it in full as sent, by a former resident:

"Hon. H. H. McCreary, Editor Sun: Having been a resident of Gainesville for so many years, loving the city and her kind people, it is my desire, and I think also of other good citizens, that Mayor W. R. Thomas enter the race for another term. He has proven to be an honor to the city and a good representative of your people. Therefore, I would ask you to kindly register my vote for Mayor Thomas.

"With kind greetings to you from myself, wife and Mrs. Waterman,

"Yours very truly,

"J. SIMONSON.

"New York, March 22, 1906"

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