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THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 1905.

When will things take on some life at Tallahassee? The first two weeks of the legislative session have been as dull as possible. Wake up, solons, and give us something to talk about.

Just who is responsible for the election of Gen. Gilchrist as Speaker is a much mooted question, but so far we have seen no credit given to the distinguished gentleman himself, to whom, doubtless, most credit is due.

It is probable that the entire legislative body will go to Pensacola to-morrow to view Uncle Sam's warships now in that harbor. They will receive such a royal welcome as only Pensacola people know how to give.

Madison county is the particular "kingdom" in which this paper is most interested, and while we give the news of the State so far as our space will permit we find that it is about all we can do to give the news of our town and county each week, and that class of news has preference always over any other with us.

Quietly, without any wrangling and with an expenditure of but a few moments of time, the two branches of Florida's legislative body met in joint session yesterday and elected James P. Taliaferro United States Senator to succeed himself for an other term of six years. Other States might profit by the example thus set.

In the case of the State vs. Walter L. Taylor the Supreme Court has affirmed the decision of the Circuit Court of Leon county, and unless the Board of Pardons intervenes Taylor will have to serve a five years term in the penitentiary. This is the case, it will be remembered, in which the defendant was charged and convicted of a murderous assault upon Congressman W. B. Lanar.

If there are any "doubting Thomases" on the good roads question left in Madison county we respectfully suggest that they take a drive out from town on the Ellaville road and carefully compare that part of it which has received the attention of Jim Harrell and his corps of road hands with the sections yet unworked. Here is an object lesson which speaks with more force than columns of newspaper talk. Mr. Harrell in the work so far accomplished has given evidence that he is a natural road builder, and it is our opinion that if given the necessary time and means he will, in a few years, have Madison county threaded with "good" roads from border to border.

Seven Confederate battleflags which were borne by Florida soldiers during the war, have been received at Tallahassee by the Adjutant-General, returned to the State under the provisions of a joint resolution of Congress. These banners, emblems of heroic suffering, should be highly prized and carefully preserved by the State.

Florida's Senate is an easy-going body. It adjourns each Friday morning so that the members may spend awhile with the folks at home and get back in time to resume their arduous (?) labors on Monday afternoon following. Maybe things will be different along toward the "shank" of the session, as brother Setzer would say.

A number of Ocala's prominent citizens are now in Tallahassee as witnesses in the Brown Baskin contest case before the Senate committee on Privileges and Elections. It is expected that considerable time will be consumed before the final adjudication of this famous case and in the meantime—the people are paying the cost.

The primary for the nomination of Jacksonville's city official's will take place on June 1st, and that city may be depended upon to furnish excitement for the State from now right up to the minute when the last ballot shall be counted.

Late reports are to the effect that the Japs have got the Russian fleet in a trap. Maybe it is so and maybe it isn't, but we are half way of the opinion that when the fleets meet in battle the Russian boats will find themselves in a hole.

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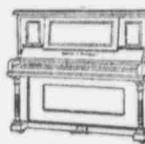
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