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DO MAJORITIES RULE?

Speaker Cannon in the light of events has probably modified his recently expressed opinion that "everything depends on the right of the majority to rule."

"Rule" and "ruled" are strong words in the mouth of an American official. Majorities do not rule and minorities are not ruled in this country. Majorities initiate; minorities modify—that is a truer statement of the relation they bear each other. Majorities are minorities grown large and reckless and drunk with power. Minorities are made up of a core of sincerity and a thick rind of those who like to be in at the winning. Minorities, on the other hand, more frequently are all principle and sincerity, else why or how should they exist?

The fact is, minorities rule. Majorities seem to rule, but there appears to be a natural antipathy between majorities and moral purpose. There is a sense in which success is the worst thing that can befall a political party. History has never yet presented us with the spectacle of a party that could withstand prosperity. Hence majorities are always stepping down, and minorities are always coming to rule. The minority rules. It is coming to fuller rule. And when it shall have become a majority, its fate is just as surely decreed as was that of preceding majorities.

If Speaker Cannon were a statesman and not a mere official, he would be afraid FOR the majority and afraid OF the minority. The minority are not subjugated, they are simply outnumbered. Your Uncle Joe has had some recent examples of this, and it is likely that even he is now opening his eyes.

Minorities are hard solid muscle, bound to win, while majorities are quickly becoming thick, heavy, fat, given to luxury.

The Ballinger knowledge of forestry was confined to his ability to secure timber for his political fences.

There is a man in the interior of Africa whom we should like to hear characterize the Ballinger-Taft-Pinchot row for about five minutes.

Gifford Pinchot has spent his life saving the trees for the government. Secretary of the Interior, R. A. Ballinger, was long an attorney for the land grabbers. Which, think you, should be in charge of the work of conservations?

The cows continue to browse on our lawns and flower gardens. They have about ruined the pretty violet beds at the court house grounds. It is really unfortunate.—Ocala Banner.

But they at least keep the grass from growing in the streets.

Under the British system, a government that fails of general confidence in the lower branch of parliament resigns. But in an ideal democracy like the United States, Cannon can hang on till the cows come home.

The Jacksonville Metropolis wants an amendment to the anti-pass law which will permit railroads to give passes in exchange for advertising. The Palatka News prefers to sell its advertising for money. It has never done a bartering business, except with the railroads, and under the new law it now sells even this class of customers for cash. Laws, however, should only be made to prohibit wrong doing, and there is nothing wrong in the barter plan advocated by the Metropolis. It's simply a question of preference.

R. H. Owen, a white man convicted of murder, was hung in Alachua county last Friday. He professed his innocence of murder to the last, but left an autemortem confession, to be made public after the "ceremony," to the effect that some years ago he had murdered a woman in Louisiana by cutting her throat, and for which crime he was never apprehended. Owen makes the fourth white man hung for murder in Florida since the inauguration of Governor Christ, showing that under his wise administration the strainer through which the "quality of mercy" passes has smaller openings, and that "murder most foul, as in the best it is," will no longer go without extreme punishment in Florida.

It would seem to be wholly unnecessary that the Palatka News should again reiterate the assurance of its distinguished consideration for Mr. George B. Selden, the popular and aggressive president of the Palatka board of trade, but in doing so it cannot refrain from calling that gentleman's attention to the fact that he has been guilty, in inverse form, of the same fault which he so properly condemns in others. The News refers to that portion of Mr. Selden's inaugural address to the board of trade, exclusively published in this paper last week in the which he condemns the "local press" for publishing the mouthings of our chronic kickers under non de plume signatures. As the News has never reported that method of voicing disapproval of public measures or work, and as Mr. Selden is well aware of the fact, the unfairness of his charge is apparent. The non de plume kicker is one who fights from ambush, a man who is afraid to come out in the open, state his grievance and stand or fall by reason of his action. The president of the Palatka board of trade had a grievance against ONE newspaper, and because of that grievance must needs condemn the innocent as well as the guilty under the general name of the "local press." In order to be just Mr. Selden should have been more specific. In this one instance only has he "bores" us.

The White Springs Messenger made its appearance last Saturday with Jos. N. Smith as editor, who returns to that place after an absence of three years to resume journalism. The second of White Springs is to be congratulated. Mr. Smith will give them an up-to-now paper.

What State Editors are Saying.

Goes With the Majority—Editor Adrian P. Jordan frankly admits that he knows nothing about Everglades drainage. In this particular Jordan is not at all unlike the three thirds of his fellow citizens. In fact there is no Everglades drainage for anyone to know anything about. There is an Everglades drainage project and we think that no more than enough is known about it. This is where the Telegraph comes in. We have been insisting that our state officials should have the fullest information on the project before proceeding further in a matter of such magnitude.—Bradford County Telegraph.

Will Need the Money—The DeLand Record is of the opinion that Broward is making too much money in the Everglades to care much about the senatorial campaign. It takes a lot of this very same article to elect a man under the primary system and the man who has no money is not at all likely of being elected to an office. There is a two year old child would have living long and happily after chucking a rattlesnake under the chin. The legitimate and essential expenses of making a state canvass are large and the fact that the Governor has plenty of money will make him that much more formidable, and consequently more eager to enter the lists actively.—Pensacola News.

Don't Think Much of Public Building Bills—There has been a perfect shower of bills introduced in congress recently, for the creation of public buildings in the smaller cities of Florida. This of course is only one of the rails on the fences of the present congressmen all of whom want to succeed themselves. For any other purpose, most of these bills are worth about as much as the rottenest rail. The most dilapidated worm fence you ever saw—Barrow Courier-Informant.

Why The Southern Argus Wins—We are like Eli Witt of Tampa, in his relation to the cigar business; the newspaper business in Hernando county. That's our business. We haven't a half dozen firms in the fire, we are not jack-of-all-trades, we are not running the country, and everybody else's business, we are not punishing our enemies, we don't know that we are good enough to have any. We are not posing as a "holy terror" to those who cross our path. People in a dispute, fight and differ with us and go to bed assured that their reputation will not be assuaged in our next issue. We have but one business, the newspaper business. That is why the Southern Argus prospers. Happy is the man who can do many things well, but doubly blessed is the man who can do one good thing better than anybody else. By that sign we win or lose.—Brooksville Southern Argus.

A. C. L. Improvements—The Atlantic Coast Line is replacing about five and one half miles of wooden trestles across the Pee Dee, Santee and Savannah Rivers in South Carolina, with a concrete and steel viaduct, representing the most modern engineering construction, at a cost of approximately one million dollars. These improvements will make a permanent crossing at these important rivers on the main line, and it is expected that the entire work will be completed in March 1910.

The completion of a second track during February 1910, between Folkston, Georgia and Callahan, Florida, creates continuous double track between Folkston and Jacksonville, a distance of forty-three miles. In addition a second track between Florence and Pee Dee, South Carolina, a distance of ten miles, is under construction, thus giving the Atlantic Coast Line Route two hundred and forty eight miles of double track between Washington, D. C. and Jacksonville, Fla., or about thirty percent of the distance.

The main line between Richmond, Virginia and Tampa, Florida, has been relaid with heavy rail, the great majority of which being eighty-five pounds to the yard.

In the Dumps—There was once upon a time an Egyptian king, so it is said, who built a pyramid and died of melancholy. His name was Dumops. The memory of his tragic history is perpetuated every time we say we are "in the dumps."

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CARAVAN BREADMAKING.

Afghans Use Cobblestones, While Turcomans Like Sand.

The bread of the Afghan caravan was cooked by heating small round cobblestones in the fire and then poking them out and wrapping dough an inch thick about them. The balls thus formed were again thrown into the fire, to be poked out again when cooked. The bread tasted well there in the desert, although in civilized communities the grit and ashes would have seemed unendurable.

After good fellowship had been established the Afghans actually sold us some flour, says a writer in the National Geographical Magazine. The camp where we used it a little later happened to be beside the sandy bed of a trickling salt stream, which was drinkable in winter, but absolutely unusable in summer, when evaporation is at its height and the salt is concentrated.

"See," said one of our Turcomans as we dismounted; "here is some sand. Tonight we can have some good bread."

When some dry twigs had been gathered he proceeded to smooth off a bit of the cleanest sand and built upon it a hot fire. When the sand was thoroughly hot he raked off most of the coals and smoothed the sand very neatly. Meanwhile one of the other men had made two large sheets of dough about three-quarters of an inch thick and eighteen inches in diameter. Between these he placed a layer of lumps of sheep's tallow fat, making a huge round sandwich. This was now spread on the hot sand, coals mixed with sand were placed completely over it, and it was left to bake. Now and then an edge was uncovered, and a Turcoman smelled it appreciatively and rapped on it to see if it was yet cooked. When the top was thoroughly baked the bread was turned over and covered up again. It tasted even better than the Afghan bread after it was cooled a little and the sand and ashes had been whisked off with a girdle. The Turcomans are so accustomed to life in the sandy desert that they think it impossible to make the best kind of bread without sand, while the Afghans, who live in the stony mountains, think that cobblestones are a requisite.

Well Posted.—"Excuse me, ma'am," said the book canvasser to the lady who had opened the door in answer to his ring, "but if you have a few moments to spare I'd like to show you the great work on the 'Habits of Savage Animals.'"

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"What?" gasped the constituent.

"Fact," said Clark. "Reads every word of 'em too!"

"Who is he?" queried the visitor, regarding the phenomenon closely.

"A proponent at the government printing office," explained Champ.—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

An Easy Numismatist.—Mrs. Goodart—You seem to have some education. Perhaps you were once a professional man. Howard Hasler—Lady, I'm a numismatist by profession. Mrs. Goodart—A numismatist? Howard Hasler—Yes, lady; a collector of rare coins. Any old coin is rare to me.—Philadelphia Press.

Advice and a Mule.—"Givin' some men advice," said Uncle Eben, "reminds me of tryin' to discipline my ol' mule wif a fence rail. It tress out de giver and hurts de receiver, but don't make no real difference."—Washington Star.

The Other Half.—Scott—Half the people in the world don't know what the other half are doing. Mott—No. That is because the other half are doing them.—Boston Transcript.

Brevity.—Be brief, for it is with words as with sunbeams—the more they are condensed the deeper they burn.

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