

**CONTEST IS LIVELY.**

Florida Candidates for U. S. Senate Busy Campaigning.

The contest for United States senator in Florida is becoming lively. Two of the candidates, Hon. W. A. Blount, of Pensacola, and N. P. Bryson, of Jacksonville, are campaigning on the east coast of the state. So far these joint debates have been very dignified and have been marked by an absence of any personal allusions or bitterness.

J. N. C. Stockton, of Jacksonville, is the third candidate, and while he has not entered into any of the joint debates, he has by no means been silent. He has made a number of speeches in different parts of the state.

It was expected that this campaign would have in it some of the remnants of bitterness left over from the recent prohibition campaign, but so far the late contest between local option and prohibition has not been mentioned and no questions have been asked as to what was the policy of either candidate in the late liquor contest.

**Dies at Age of 110.**

With his life stretching across a century and a half score years, "Uncle Stephen" Bellamy died at his cabin home in Pensacola at the advanced age of 110 years.

He has lived under the flags of four nations without changing his residence, and, with his masters, had fought in three wars. "Uncle Stephen" was born in western Florida near where Monticello now stands in 1800, and was in his youth the property of the celebrated Jessup family. He lived through 28 presidential administrations, although during part of that time Florida owed its allegiance to England and Spain.

**Homeopaths Meet.**

The twenty-seventh annual convention of the Southern Homeopathic Medical Association opened at Jacksonville, in the auditorium of the Windsor hotel, and the attendance, though small on the opening day, was very representative and included physicians from almost every section of the United States.

**MR. TAFT'S MESSAGE BRIEFLY OUTLINED**

Some Important Features Are Touched Upon.

**CORPORATION LEGISLATION**

Defers Tariff Change to the Next Congress—Against Another General Revision—Asks Canal Fortifications. The Civil Service, Etc.

The outstanding features of President Taft's message, sent to congress Tuesday, are these:

He declares it is time to stop legislating with reference to regulation of corporations and to witness the effect of a vigorous execution of the laws already on the statute books. The exact limitation upon business methods imposed by law will doubtless be made clearer by pending decisions of the supreme court.

Just at this time, the president says, he believes the activities of the government, in addition to enforcement of the laws, should be directed toward economy of administration, the enlargement of opportunities for foreign trade, the building up of home industry and the strengthening of confidence of capital in domestic investment.

Mr. Taft recommends strongly some form of ship subsidy to increase American shipping, especially to South America.

**Defers Tariff Question.**  
The tariff board is not ready to submit a report on any of the schedules of the Payne law and Mr. Taft says he will not recommend any tariff legislation until the new congress convenes in December, 1911.

He urges that the tariff board be made permanent and that all future revisions be made schedule by schedule. He vigorously opposes another general revision.

Recommendation for anti-injunction and federal incorporation laws are renewed.

It is proposed that second-class mail rates should be readjusted so as to charge magazines a much higher rate on their advertising sections.

**New Currency System.**  
Strong representations are made for the establishment of a new banking and currency system.

Estimates for government expenditures during the next fiscal year have been cut to \$630,494,013.12, which is \$52,964,887.36 less than the actual appropriations for the current year. The estimated receipts for the next fiscal year are \$680,000,000.

The president urges the extension of the civil service principle to all classes of postmasters and to the diplomatic and consular corps and the acquisition by the government of residences and offices for its diplomatic officers.

Some criticisms of the Payne tariff act are just, says the president, but more are unfounded.

There should be more officers for the army. The engineer corps should be increased by 60.

Regarding the Panama canal the president says:

"The progress of the work is most satisfactory. It will be completed well within the time set, January 1, 1915, and within the estimated cost of \$375,000,000. The slides in Culebra Cut offer no great reason for delay."

**Must Fortify Canal.**  
Failure to fortify the canal would leave the United States powerless to enforce the universal and equal use of the waterway against a desperate and irresponsible enemy and would defeat the object of the canal in increasing the military effectiveness of the American navy.

Regarding the courts the president declares the crying need of the United States is cheapening the cost of litigation by simplifying judicial procedure and expediting final judgment. The supreme court should be relieved from unnecessary appeals. The salaries of federal judges should be increased.

Postal savings banks will be established in a number of cities January 1. A parcels post on rural delivery routes is recommended. Postmaster General Hitchcock is given high praise for putting the postoffice department on a self-sustaining basis.

**Prosecute Census Padders.**  
The present census promises to be the best ever taken, but is not perfect. The census padders are to be vigorously prosecuted.

A bureau of health should be established.

Heavier fines should be imposed against steamship companies for violating the immigration laws. The facilities at Ellis Island, New York, should be so increased as to offer an inducement to the steamship companies to concentrate their immigrant business at one port. Immigrants are needed in the rural districts.

Some provision should be made for retiring superannuated government clerks.

The only amendments suggested in the interstate commerce law are an appropriation to enable the interstate commerce commission to ascertain the valuation of railroads and fixing the responsibilities of public carriers in the issuance of bills of lading.

James Tunney, a native of Baltimore and for several years past a wealthy resident of Gulfport, Miss., dropped dead in the Harrison county court. He was a spectator.

**The Art of Carpentry.**

How many common figurative expressions in our language are borrowed from the art of carpentry may be seen from the following sentence: "The lawyer who filed the bill, shaved the note, cut an acquaintance, split a hair, made an entry, got up a case, framed an indictment, impaled a jury, put them into a box, nailed a witness, hammered a judge and bored a whole court, all in one day, has since laid down law and turned carpenter."

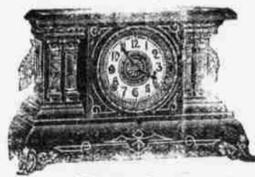
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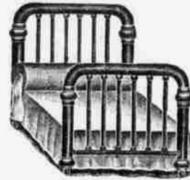
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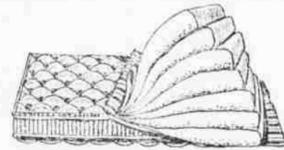
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