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CANDIDATES' ANNOUNCEMENTS.

FOR STATE'S ATTORNEY.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for State's Attorney of the Sixth Judicial Circuit, subject to the action of the democratic voters at the coming primary.

H. S. PHILLIPS.

I will be a candidate at the coming democratic primary, seeking the nomination to the office of State's Attorney for the Sixth Judicial Circuit. I ask each and every elector at said primary to give me his vote and support.

SOLON B. TURMAN,
Of the Tampa Bar.

FOR TAX COLLECTOR

In response to the earnest solicitations of many friends and fellow-citizens, I take this opportunity to announce myself a candidate for the office of tax collector of DeSoto county, subject to the Democratic primary to be held on July 15th, 1902 I earnestly solicit the cordial support of my fellow citizens and promise, if elected, to perform the duties of the office faithfully and honestly.

Very Respectfully,
HENRY L. HOLLINGSWORTH

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of Tax Collector of DeSoto County, Fla., subject to the wishes of the Democratic voters of said County.

Respectfully,
F. MARVIN DURRANCE.

JAMES D. SOUTHERLAND, in compliance with the expressed wishes of many friends, respectfully announces his candidacy for tax collector of DeSoto county and solicits the support of the Democratic voters in the July primary.

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER.

Citizens of Bowling Green authorize us to announce the name of I. A. MASON, as a candidate for county commissioner for District No. 1, subject to the Democratic primary to be held on July 15th.

The friends of Ed F. Bostick hereby announce him a candidate for the office of County Commissioner for district No. 1, subject to the action of the Democratic primary, and earnestly solicit your support.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of County Commissioner of District No 3, subject to the action of the voters in the Democratic primary to be held July 15,-1902. If elected, I shall serve the people faithfully in all business coming before the Board.

Respectfully,
J. H. CONCANNON.

We are authorized to announce N. C. LARSEN as a candidate for county commissioner from District No. 2, which includes Charlotte Harbor, Pine Level, Owens, Grove City and Oak Hill. Subject to the July primary.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for county commissioner from District No. 3 of DeSoto county, subject to the action of the Democratic primary of July 15, 1902.

C. C. MORGAN.

Appreciating the support given me in the past, I respectfully announce that I am a candidate for re-election to the office of County Commissioner of District 5, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

Respectfully,
S. L. GRIFFIN.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of county commissioner for District No. 4, subject to the action of the Democratic primary, and respectfully solicit your support.

WASHINGTON W. LANGFORD.

A. C. FREEMAN respectfully announces that he is a candidate for county commissioner from District No. 3 and solicits the support of the Democratic voters in the approaching primary.

We are authorized to announce H. A. WARE as a candidate for county commissioner from Dist. No. 3, subject to the action of the democratic primary. He respectfully solicits the votes of all citizens.

For county commissioner from District No. 5, the name of WILLIAM KING of Avon Park is presented, with a respectful request for the support of the Democratic voters in the coming primary.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of county commissioner for District No. 1 subject to the democratic primary to be held July 15th.

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DEATH OF MANUEL BORGES.

Manuel Borges, father of Frank Borges who was killed on the night of June 21st, died at 8:15 Monday morning. His death is attributed to shock resulting from his son's killing. The day after Frank was buried, the father appeared to be stricken with paralysis; he took to his bed and, in spite of all medical efforts, continued to decline until he died. Frank was his only child.

Manuel Borges was about 65 years old. He came here from Key West about ten years ago. It is said that he originally came from Cuba, having been driven from there by Spanish persecution. He was a quiet, peaceable man and had no enemies here. His burial occurred Monday afternoon.

Besides a brother in Key West, it is not known that he had any other kindred. Being a widower and having no direct heir, it is a problem as to who will get the $1,000 benefit from the Woodmen of the World which was to go to him on the death of his son Frank. His step-son, Walter Russell, was Frank's half brother, and some hold that he is entitled to the money, while others contend that Frank's Key West uncle is entitled to it.

FOR THE LEGISLATURE

I announce myself a candidate for the Legislature. Conditions do not warrant a division of the county. If elected I will oppose such a measure

ALBERT W. GILCHRIST.

At the earnest solicitations of leading citizens of almost every section of the county, I hereby announce myself a candidate for Representative in the next legislature, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

If elected, I pledge myself to use my influence, to work, and to vote,—

1st, For reduction of taxes;

2nd, For the protection and betterment of the fish interests of DeSoto county;

3rd, Against the division of the county;

4th, Against the dispensary bill and in favor of a law allowing the people of the state to vote on an amendment to the constitution providing for State prohibition.

Having no axe of my own to grind, I shall do my best for the interests of DeSoto county and her people, and I therefore respectfully solicit your support,

C. M. JOHNSON.

I beg to announce that I am a candidate of the common people for Representative in the Legislature from DeSoto county, and in doing so submit the following as my platform:

First, I am opposed to a dispensary.

Second, I favor the improvement of our public schools, to which end I would support a law providing free text books for the school children.

Third, I am for a public abstract office by the people and for the people.

Fourth, if elected, I will use my best ability to secure the enactment of an effective law for the protection of the fishing interests.

Soliciting your support on these issues, I am,

Very respectfully,
SOLOMON C. PHILLIPS,
Punta Gorda, Fla.

FOR RAILROAD COMMISSIONER.

Recognizing fully the rights of the farmers and producers to more consideration at the hands of the Florida Railroad Commission, I solicit the support of all Democrats who approve of the declaration of principles as set forth in my platform. Copies sent to any one by addressing me at West Palm Beach, Florida.

R. HUDSON BURR.

FOR COUNTY TREASURER.

We are authorized to announce Finis E. Parker as a candidate for re-election to the office of County Treasurer, subject to the action of the Democratic voters in the coming primary.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of County Treasurer of DeSoto County, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

W. A. HENDRY,

FOR MEMBER OF SCHOOL BOARD.

R. E. WHIDDEN respectfully solicits the support of the Democratic voters in the coming primary for re-election as member of the County School Board from District No. 2.

At the earnest solicitation of friends, J. O. Carr has consented to become a candidate for member of Board of Public Instruction of DeSoto county, from District No. 3, subject to the Democratic primary election. The support of all voters is respectfully solicited.

I wish to announce myself to the voters at the Democratic primary election as a candidate for re-election as member of the Board of Public Instruction.

Trusting that I may again receive your support, I am,

Very Respectfully,
CYRUS JONES.

When I was insisting that Punta Gorda should have a member of the county school board, I did not imagine that I was getting myself into the list of candidates, but it has so resulted. Several leading citizens have come to me and made me feel proud by asserting positively that I am the man for the place; and so I have concluded to leave it to the Democratic voters in the coming primary to say whether or not they agree with my Punta Gorda friends. If I am wanted on the county school board, all right. I will do my best, if elected. But if I am not wanted, it is likewise all right. I have business of my own to attend to.

Very respectfully,
A. P. JORDAN.

FOR TAX ASSESSOR.

We are authorized to announce F. M. COOPER as a candidate for re-election to the office of Tax Assessor of DeSoto County, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

I announce myself a candidate for the office of Tax Assessor for DeSoto county, subject to the action of the voters of said county at the coming Democratic primary, July 15th, 1902, and respectfully solicit the support of all voters.

JOHN HAGAN.

THAT PIRATES' TREASURE.

The Herald Again Tells Where it is Located.

World's Fair Grounds, St. Louis, June 23.—In a letter received from Sanibel, Florida, at World's Fair headquarters, the author expresses a desire to open up a correspondence with the Exposition Company concerning the $15,000,000 paid by the United States for the Louisiana concessions in 1803. "Was not some of this money lost, stolen by pirates?" he asks, and then he continues: "For many years people have been searching for $11,500,000 of gold bullion buried here in the vicinity of Charlotte Harbor by old Gasparilla and Lafitte, noted pirates. The survivors of this steal say it is Louisiana purchase money. Lafitte only acted as spy; Gasparilla did the stealing. I have searched for it seven years and find considerable evidence concerning it, though it is very difficult to exactly locate. If it can be found it will be the making of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition. Please let me know if there was a portion of the money lost, for I am very much interested.

Yes, the pirates got that treasure. It was shipped on the steamer Hancock which sailed with it from New Orleans and was never again heard of.

Lafitte was in New Orleans and informed Gasparilla, who mustered his band and gave chase. They captured the Hancock, murdered every soul on board, secured the treasure, scuttled the ship, and then buried most, if not all the gold at the mouth of Coral creek one mile east of Little Gasparilla pass.

Retribution quickly overtook them. On their way back to New Orleans, the pirates were captured by a United States revenue cutter and every man of them except one was immediately hung at the yard arm. The cutter had on board several survivors which she had rescued from Walker's Nicaragua expedition. One of these, 90 years old, is now living in a Southern State and has told the editor of THE HERALD all about it.

The pirate that was not hung was at his home in North Carolina. He heard of the fate of his companions and was scared within an inch of his life. He did not dare to return to the scene of his depredations nor to try to get the treasure. He knew where it was buried, because the band had a chosen spot to hide all their stealings. But he met this old filibuster, then a young man, and gave him a diagram and chart showing the exact location of the treasure. The filibuster was to get it and divide with the pirate, but fear from various causes and sundry difficulties prevented him from making an effort to recover the treasure, until now he is too old and feeble, and he wants his friend of THE HERALD to go and get it. That will be done just as soon as we can nominate Gilchrist for the legislature and go up to Macon, Ga., and get the diagram and chart.

The Louisiana purchase money is scarcely half of the treasure buried by the pirates.

ADDITIONAL LOCAL.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Roberts left Monday for their home in Louisville, Ky.

Sheriff Fielder was here Monday, but he isn't talking politics. He says his time is coming soon enough.

Col. John W. Burton, able, affable and handsome lawyer of Arcadia, spent Saturday and Sunday here, stopping at the Dade.

Prof. T. B. Hartig, the popular and accomplished educator who belongs to the whole county, brightened THE HERALD with a pleasant call last Friday.

Mr. J. Wotitzky left last Friday night with a boat-load of goods on a trading expedition around the coast. He always makes a success of these commercial excursions by water.

Discouraging reports have been received here concerning the health of Mrs. C. M. Denham, who is sojourning with Mr. Denham at Demorest, Ga. Her many friends grieve to hear that she is not recuperating.

Mrs. Will Whitaker, of Manatee, died in Tampa June 25th as the result of having been stung by a stingray, a peculiar kind of fish very common in these waters. Punta Gorda urchins should take warning, but they won't.

Rev. and Mrs. T. J. Purdue and daughter Miss Florence left last Saturday, the former for a short visit in Orlando, and Mrs. Purdue and daughter for Knoxville, Tenn., where they will spend the summer. Prof. Damm and bride are sojourning at Knoxville.

The Tarpon Club returned last week to their homes in Louisville, Ky. They enjoyed immensely their excursion on these waters in their elegant house boat. Many tarpon and other big game fish fell victims to their skill. Punta Gorda will welcome them again next season, when it is hoped they will come earlier and stay longer.

OUT FOR R. R. COMMISSIONER

Hon. R. Hudson Burr, Dade's Popular Legislator, Announces Candidacy and Platform.

Stands Out in the Open as a People's Man, and Promises a Full and Fair Consideration of the Producers' Rights. Refers to His Record at Tallahassee.

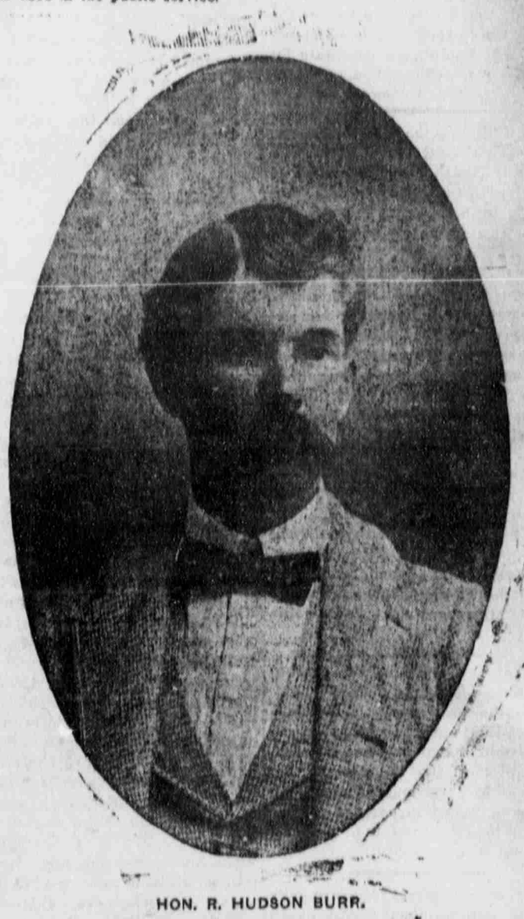
TO THE DEMOCRATIC VOTERS OF FLORIDA:

In announcing my candidacy in the next Democratic Primary for the office of Railroad Commissioner, I deem it proper to state explicitly the policy which I shall pursue, if I shall be elected.

I am not an enemy of the railroads of Florida. I recognize in them important and essential agencies in building up the prosperity of the great State of which I am proud to be a citizen. But I recognize a decided difference between the railroads as agencies of civilization and the acts and policies of many of the men who control them, who have shown a narrow and grasping spirit in their dealings, and who have, by burdening the business of the State with unreasonable and exorbitant rates, unquestionably retarded growth in prosperity and population in many of the best sections of the State.

It is not disputed by any responsible authority that a railroad, borrowing as it does from the State the public right to own and operate public highways, takes upon itself special obligations to the State to conduct its business in such a way as to promote the public welfare.

Cheap and efficient transportation is essential to the public welfare, and the public is justified in demanding, not as a favor, but as an indefeasible right, that the railroads shall furnish transportation for freight and passengers as good in quality and as cheap in price as it is possible, consistent with the protection of the rights of the owners of the property thus used in the public service.



HON. R. HUDSON BURR.

The railroad business is monopolistic in its very essence, for the individual who uses it has generally no choice but to accept the service tendered, at the price which the carrier sees fit to ask, or else to go out of business. Railroad managers are but human, and it is natural that they too often abuse the tremendous power thus placed in their hands to extort, in the well known phrase of a great railroad magnate, "all that the traffic will bear," which means, leaving to the individual producer a bare living, and taking for themselves the lion's share of the profit of the industry of the community. It was to meet this situation that Railroad Commissions have been established.

The people of Florida have had the services of a Railroad Commision for nearly five years. I would not belittle what has already been accomplished, but we all know that many of the worst evils remain untouched.

Today the producers of Florida are paying rates disproportioned to the services rendered by the railroads.

Today the lion's share of the product of our toil goes into the coffers of these great corporations.

Today our produce must compete in the markets with the produce of other sections which enjoy, through the action of their Railroad Commissioners, or through the more enlightened spirit of the managers of their railroads, rates much lower than ours.

Our Commission has performed great service in collecting claims and in like matters; but these things could have been done, at the cost of some money and inconvenience to the individual, through the courts. But we have not gotten the relief we had a right to expect in the exercise of the greatest prerogative of the Commission—the power to make rates—a power lodged in no other body. They have given us freely relief which we could otherwise have secured, but the CONTROLLING forces of the present Commission have too often shrunk from the exercise of the higher and more important function of REGULATING RATES.

I make these plain propositions to the people of Florida:

First—That we have a right to demand lower freight and passenger rates over the GREAT TRUNK LINES AND SYSTEMS which operate in our State, though we must recognize that some of the smaller railroads are not in position to make such reductions.

Second—That in violation of law and justice, special privileges, in the way of free passes, and perhaps of preferential freight rates, are given to individuals—a practice which, besides giving undue advantages to the recipients of these favors and injuring those to whom they are denied, raises the prices which the general public has to pay, and, worst of all, introduces a subtle and dangerous form of corruption into our public affairs.

If I shall be chosen by you to serve the State in this important capacity, I pledge myself to use every honest effort to remedy these abuses.

As an evidence of my sincerity in the matter, I refer to the bill providing THREE CENT PASSENGER FARES for the railroads of Florida, introduced by me in the Legislature of 1901, and passed through the lower house.

I believe it is possible, under the proper operation of a just, fearless and impartial Commission, to bring about a better relation between the carriers and producers of the State to encourage a better and more wholesome growth of our great industries and to found a more lasting prosperity for the State.

R. HUDSON BURR.

Little River, Fla., March 6th, 1902.

Not Reduced to That.

Gottlieb Schneider—I hear you haf a new bicycle got. Do you get much on it?

Louie Piltzheimer—I haf neffer had it to a pawnshop already.—Columbus (O.) State Journal.

Not Too Liberal.

Parishioner—The people are complaining that you are too liberal.

Unorthodox Pastor—Oh, that's a mistake, my dear sir, a great mistake. I am just as stingy as the rest of you.—New York Weekly.