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DEMOCRATIC TICKET.
To be Voted at the General Election, November 4th.

- For Representative in Congress from the first district:
STEPHEN M. SPARKMAN, Tampa.
For Secretary of State:
H. CLAY CHAWFORD, Tallahassee.
For Comptroller:
ALONZO C. CHODM, Brooksville.
For Justice Supreme Court:
W. A. HOCKER, Ocala.
For Railroad Commissioner:
R. HUDSON BURE, Little River.
For Member of the House of Representatives:
ALBERT W. GILCHRIST, Punta Gorda.
For Prosecuting Attorney:
H. S. PHILLIPS, Tampa.
For Tax Assessor:
FRANCIS M. COOPER, Punta Gorda.
For Tax Collector:
JAMES D. SOUTHERLAND, Wauchula.
For County Treasurer:
FINIS E. PARKER, Arcadia.
For County Surveyor:
(Don't know.)
For County Commissioners:
ED. F. BOSTICK, Wauchula, Dis. 1.
N. C. LARSEN, Charlotte Harbor, Dis. 2.
A. C. FREEMAN, Punta Gorda, Dis. 3.
H. C. WARE, Fort Ogden, Dis. 3.
W. W. LANGFORD, Arcadia, Dis. 4.
W. M. KING, Avon Park, Dis. 5.
For Members of the Board of Public Instruction:
CYRUS JONES, Bowling Green, Dis. 1.
R. E. WHIDDEN, Arcadia, Dis. 2.
I. O. CARR, Fort Ogden, Dis. 3.
For United States Senator:
(To be chosen by the legislature.)
STEPHEN R. MALLORY, Pensacola.

Editor Johnston is making the Apalachicola Times a very live and lively paper.

Tampa Tribune.—The Jacksonville Metropolis wants the supreme court to wake up. Will more justices mean more workers or more sleepers?

Volusia Record: The Jennings senatorial boom has not started yet, but it will, we learn, come to the front in time to make the primary two years hence a hot one.

Hon. Henry E. Day, late candidate for re-election as a railroad commissioner, will in the future reside in Jacksonville, having accepted a position with the Sea Board Air Line as local freight agent at that point.

Senator Tallaferra has placed THE HERALD under obligations for a copy of that valuable work, the Year Book of the Department of Agriculture. It has many interesting chapters on Florida fruits and other productions.

The astonishing announcement is made that the supply of school teachers in south Florida is far short of the demand. This is in the face of the fact that forty schools in the State turn out each about ten girl teachers every year. What becomes of these girls? Do they marry or emigrate?

Tampa Tribune.—Editor Stovall, of the Tribune, who left Sunday morning for Chicago, will be away about ten days. While away, he will make extensive purchases of machinery and material for the bigger and better Tribune which will make glad the hearts of countless readers the coming winter.

SUPREME COURT DEFENDED.
THE HERALD has received from a valued friend, one of the purest and ablest men in Florida, a very lucid and satisfactory explanation of the delays in the procedure of our supreme court. The writer has had so much business with the court that he has fully informed himself as to the cause of the delays, about which such a storm of complaint has arisen, and he exonerates the present judges and their predecessors from all blame in the matter, laying the burden partly upon the legislature and partly upon defects in our system of jurisprudence.

He concludes that there is no present help for the existing condition, save in the adoption of the constitutional amendment providing for three more supreme judges. By the time the terms of the new judges expire, reforms may be enacted that will enable three justices to keep up with the work; but under the present system and conditions, three cannot possibly do it.

Our friend's explanation is so clear and satisfactory that it will be given to the public in these columns next week; it was received too late for today's paper.

THE HERALD, it should be remembered, has never accused the present supreme judges of sloth, inactivity or inattention to business. It has only demanded to know why they cannot keep up with their work, and our friend has furnished the answer, which, as said before, is eminently satisfactory and should, therefore, be known by all the people.

FOR A STATE UNIVERSITY.

It is well known that many Florida children are attending school in other states. This is chargeable in a large measure to the legislatures of the past which failed to provide such collegiate educational facilities as are found in Georgia, Alabama, North Carolina and Virginia.

The resources of this State, which should have been concentrated on one central university fully equipped with every facility and appliance, have been divided, possibly bartered for political considerations, amongst half a dozen institutions, with the result that scarcely one of them fulfills the requirements of a first class college, and in consequence many of our boys and girls, whose parents are without the means of sending them to really first-class colleges beyond our borders, find themselves denied the advantage which the children of other states enjoy.

It is not too late to retrieve this error. The next legislature should concentrate our State educational fund upon one of our so-called colleges and make it a real university with a completely equipped technological school in conjunction. The other alleged colleges or seminaries, should be donated to the counties in which they are located and let the counties do what they can or please with them.

A similar suggestion has already been made by the Leesburg Commercial and has been favorably received by the State press. THE HERALD's proposition that the Indian war fund, or a large part of it, be devoted to the establishment of a first-class technological school in conjunction with the Agricultural College at Lake City, has also been received with favor.

The State Agricultural College is centrally located. The experiment station which is run in connection with it secures it the support of the federal government, and it is already partially equipped with the appliances of a technological school. It is, therefore, most favorably situated for the application of the concentration idea with a view of making it the finest university and technological school in the South. This can be done.

The Indian war fund gives us the requisite means and all that is needed is a proper spirit of patriotism and of regard for the interests of our children on the part of the members of the next legislature. If they will only resolve that political barter and scheming shall no longer interfere with the vital interests of the children of Florida, they will give to these children and to the unborn generations to come the priceless gem of such educational facilities as will enable them to compete successfully in all the walks of life with the trained and skilled negroes that Booker Washington is sending abroad in the South.

The very thought that our children are denied the advantages which are given to the negro children of Alabama, should be enough to cause every member of the coming legislature to act without the slightest hesitation in favor of providing every facility to enable our children by proper training and education to cope successfully with negro competition. That legislator who neglects to consider this matter carefully, unselfishly and patriotically, will be untrue to the future interests and welfare of Florida.

An object lesson on this subject may be found in answer to the question, who are the skilled artisans and mechanics in charge of the most important works and enterprises now going on in Florida? Men, mostly young ones, from the North. Need more be said?

Since the above was written, the Times-Union and Citizen in its Sunday issue makes an able argument in favor of the establishment of a university on the Jeffersonian plan. If it will insist on the addition of a first-class technological school as a leading, if not the leading feature of the proposed university, its argument will be complete and unanswerable.

NEW DRUG FIRM.

Dr. J. M. Samuels has sold his interest in the De Soto Drug Company to Messrs. B. M. Wade & Co., and will hereafter devote his entire time to his practice as a physician, which has grown to such an extent that he had no time to attend to the drug business and, consequently, felt constrained to sell. Mr. B. M. Wade, the senior member of the new firm, has long been directly connected with the De Soto Drug Co. and has contributed materially towards building up the large business which the concern enjoys. His father, Dr. J. S. Wade of Bartow, is associated with him in this deal. It is understood on the streets that the stock will shortly be removed to the new store in the bank block, which is being elegantly fitted up for it. The design is to give Punta Gorda a first-class drug store, complete in all its appointments and provided with a stock that will supply all demands. Further notice of the new firm will be made as their plans develop.

OUR GIRL PRINTER.

The editor's three boys having started to school, the mechanical department of THE HERALD has been committed to the management of Miss Genevieve Fosnot, an experienced and skilled printer from Keosauqua, Iowa. She comes with high testimonials both as to her typographical skill and personal merits.

During her stay with us, if there is any nice girl in Punta Gorda who would like to learn the printing business, she will be given a chance on application at THE HERALD office.

PUNTA GORDA RACES.

LARGE ATTENDANCE, MUCH EXCITEMENT AND GREAT ENTHUSIASM.

The fifth race of the series now being run between the illustrious sons of the rapid steeds of Punta Gorda came off on the Prairie Course on Tuesday afternoon. Something less than two thousand people were in attendance and the betting was lively indeed. One who was on the inside says that, though not over \$4,000.00 changed hands on the result, he believes that the net losses to the lawyers, judges and owners amounted to only \$500.00.

The lawyers and doctors present have already sworn out an alibi, but Joe Cannon and T. D. Fitzgerald say that they can't prove it. At any rate, one of the lawyers told this scribe in confidence that his wife gave him a curtain lecture for being present on such a glorious occasion and that he is resolved not to go out there again until the next time, when he will go with quo warrants and alibis enough to convince any body of his absence.

Tuesday's race was between Locke Addison's "Maude S" and Nick Patrick's "Cresceus," both ponies of small size and noble blood. The owners were their own riders. The course was 250 yards through prairie grass ten feet high. This enabled the spectators, many of whom stood in prairie water six inches deep, to see only the heads of the riders skimming like cannon balls along the surface of the grass.

The horses as they ran could not be seen, a fact that added tons to the general excitement.

At the word "go," both horses went whizzing through the grass. "Cresceus" took the lead, but lost it by slipping on the wet soil. However, on the home stretch, he was steadily forging to the front, when he was suddenly hoodooed by a trained dog. Dosh Curry's trick dog "Ruler" had concealed himself in the grass near the track and, when "Cresceus" came along, he rose up like judgment and the "Old Harry" immediately in front of the horse. The latter tried to stop, but couldn't; he collided with the dog and went head over heels on top of his rider.

Every body thought that Mr. Patrick was killed, but he escaped with a broken arm. Meanwhile, the Addison horse had reached the goal and amidst the acclamations of the multitude, was declared the winner.

The judges were: Fred Pitts, Will Demere, John Hagan, Scott Burnham and Lee Hux. Any one who challenges their decision will be excluded from attendance at the remaining races or required to pay an admission fee of \$2.31 each for the benefit of the judges.

Trick dogs hereafter will not be allowed on the course.

ANOTHER NEW SHARPIE.

The fine new sharpie "L. T. Blocksom," built at Marco by W. D. Collier for the Florida Fish Produce Co., arrived this week and is ready for her work in the mackerel fishing on the East Coast. Her tonnage is 13 net and she cost \$1200.00.

She leaves next week, accompanied by the "Chase," for Key Largo, where the company is operating the largest mackerel fishery on the East Coast under the management of Mr. J. S. Gerock.

The company operates fisheries also at Miami, Sanford, New Berlin, Mayport and on the St. Johns from its mouth to Sanford. They handle great quantities of dressed cat fish and black bass, and are now shipping from Punta Gorda from four to six solid cars per week of mullet and bottom fish. They handle also daily shipments made by other fishermen from the Indian river.

The branch here operates ten boats and is under the management of Mr. L. T. Blocksom, who, with 25 years successful experience, keeps the business moving at a brisk rate.

The headquarters of the Florida Fish and Produce Co. are at Jacksonville.

Mr. L. Oliver has opened up a lumber yard, where he will keep all kinds of building material, including rough and dressed lumber, lath, shingles, brick, etc. He will fill orders promptly and guarantees satisfaction. When needing anything for building purposes, consult him.

Those Arcadia people are all right and, whenever the capital of the state is to be removed, we shall vote for Arcadia. THE HERALD sent twenty-five subscription bills there this week and all of them were paid promptly without a word of complaint.

Nice 6-room plastered cottage on Olympia avenue, East Punta Gorda, for sale on liberal terms.

W. CROUCH.

EXCURSION TO JACKSONVILLE.

The Atlantic Coast Line will operate another one of their cheap excursions to Jacksonville on Monday, September 29th, tickets to be sold for regular trains leaving Tampa, Punta Gorda and St. Petersburg on that day, limited to return until Thursday, October 2nd; rate from Punta Gorda \$4.00, St. Petersburg \$3.50, Tampa \$3.00, with corresponding rates from all intermediate points.

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