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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1902

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:

J. CLAY CRAWFORD, Tallahassee.

For Comptroller:

ALONZO C. CROOM, Brooksville.

For Justice Supreme Court:

W. A. HICKER, Ocala.

For Railroad Commissioners:

R. HUDSON BURR, Little River.

J. JEFFERSON BROWNE, Key West.

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:

HINIS 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. FIERMAN, Punta Gorda, Dis. 3.

H. C. WARE, Fort Ogden, Dis. 4.

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.

T. O. CARR, Fort Ogden, Dis. 3.

For United States Senator:

(To be chosen by the legislature.)

STEPHEN R. MALLOY, Pensacola.

ABOUT THOSE AMENDMENTS.

If THE HERALD'S estimate of public sentiment is correct, the proposed constitutional amendments to be voted on at the coming election will be defeated.

But they ought not to be. That one in particular providing for a temporary increase in the number of supreme judges ought to be adopted. This is the opinion of such eminent authorities as ex-Governor Fleming, Judge B. S. Liddon, ex-supreme justice, and other lawyers of standing.

But a large number of the State newspapers are opposing the amendments on the ground that the present supreme judges are indolent or incapable. This is a grave mistake and a serious injustice to the judges, as was shown in a communication published on the first page of this paper on Oct. 3rd last.

The present judges are neither lazy nor incompetent, but they are working under a system under which it would be impossible for twelve judges to keep up with the work. It is the system, not the judges, that is to blame.

The chief causes of the delay so universally complained of are two, viz:

First, a rule, handed down from years gone by, that requires the judges to examine every authority on each assignment of error presented. This means a search through 4,000 to 5,000 volumes of the supreme court library; in any case that may contain fifty to a hundred assignments of error, as often happens, it means several weeks' work to decide one case.

This might be remedied by a statute limiting the number of assignments of error that may be presented on appeal to two, three or six vital points—permitting the judges to ignore everything which in their judgment is not a vital point. The rule requiring a search through all the authorities should be abrogated. Our judges should have as clear a conception of right and equity in their heads as they can find on the shelves of their library.

The second cause of delay is the fact that so many unimportant, nay, trifling causes are carried to the supreme court, many of them for the evident purpose of delaying the opposing party litigant. This can be remedied by enlarging the jurisdiction of justices of the peace and giving an appeal from them to the circuit courts, whose judgment shall be final.

This idea has been opposed in the past on the ground of want of intelligence and ability in our petty justices. But, if justices of the peace were given an enlarged jurisdiction, men of character and ability could easily be found to accept the office. Under present conditions, the office does not pay enough to induce a man of marked ability to accept it.

At any rate, some plan should be devised, some law passed to keep unimportant causes out of the supreme court. Instead of taxing the people to pay the judges for deciding such causes, the litigants should be made to pay. Perhaps we have here a cue to the solution of the whole problem. Make the litigants pay the salaries of the judges, and give them as many judges as they want.

It does not seem fair to tax all the people of the State that a fractionless few may enjoy the pleasures of protracted litigation. The present contingency, however, seems to demand

the remedy now under consideration, viz: the adoption of the amendment increasing the number of judges to six. As we are assured that this is a temporary expedient and as, under present rules, laws and conditions, there appears to be no other scheme that will enable the supreme court to catch up with its work, we think it the part of wisdom to adopt the proposed amendment and trust to the legislature to provide for reforms that will hereafter prevent the supreme court docket from becoming overloaded.

It is strange that not one of the leading papers of the State has taken the trouble to investigate the causes of the delay in the supreme court and to make a full and clear report thereon. These causes were clearly pointed out in a communication published in this paper on Oct. 3rd. It is the duty of the next legislature to appoint a committee to investigate this matter and to propose a remedy. Legislative enactment can remove the most serious of these causes and it should be vigorously applied. Meanwhile, wisdom demands that we adopt the expedient of adding three judges to the supreme court by voting for the constitutional amendment enabling this to be done.

Jacksonville Metropolis: "Fish are reported to be dying recently in the bay at Charlotte Harbor. Perhaps they are drinking too much ice water since the new ice machine at Punta Gorda began operation." Some one has been telling the Metropolis a fish story. Fish in these waters never get sick; they are always healthy and fat. Occasionally, a boat load that has been caught for shipment spoils and is dumped into the bay. The fish float on the water and drift ashore. The stranger sees these and jumps at an erroneous conclusion.

Wauchula Advocate: "We trust the big ice factory in Punta Gorda will have no effect in cooling down Brother Jordan's editorials." Quite the contrary. With the most beautiful dynamo you ever saw, electric saws singing and lights shining; four immense boilers sending out volcanic torrents of smoke and hissing steam; and a dozen steam engines and pumps whirling and rolling and shaking the earth, the arctic scenery and atmosphere inside the great building but adds inspiration to the editorial imagination.

Floridians will be pleased to know that, upon the consolidation of the Louisville and Nashville railroad with the Atlantic Coast Line, Capt. Wm. B. Denham will be general superintendent of the entire system. This is a guarantee that the Florida patrons of this great railway system will receive liberal treatment, for Capt. Denham is a Floridian and a friend to Florida's interests. He is also one of the ablest railroad men in the South.

Tallahassee Capital: Hon. B. E. McLain, commissioner of agriculture who has general supervision over state convict matters, has received and turned in to the state treasury the sum of \$38,905.00, the amount of the hire of state prisoners for the quarter beginning October 1.

A stray monkey, last Saturday night, sprang through a window into the office of the Tampa Tribune; and notwithstanding the fact that no one in the office drinks, the whole force, including the brilliant society editor, fled from the building and made haste to consult the doctors.

Tallahassee Capital: The PUNTA GORDA HERALD declares that that town has "several docks." That's all right, so long as Brother Jordan doesn't dock those readable editorials of his.

It is hoped that Gens. John B. Gordon and Stephen D. Lee will attend the Confederate re-union in Tampa on Nov. 19.

Democrats should stick to the democratic ticket. It is disloyalty to vote for Independents.

Get ready for the State Fair.

THE BAND CONCERT.

Notwithstanding a heavy rain that fell during the opening hours, a large and appreciative audience attended the concert, Monday night, of the Punta Gorda Brass Band and Goldstein Orchestra. As a whole, the concert was a great treat and was thoroughly enjoyed by those present.

The musical program was interspersed, so to speak, with recitations that not only prevented any monotony, but enlivened the occasion immensely. All who contributed to the entertainment of the audience merit special commendation, which unfortunately the space limitations of this paper prevent.

The band boys deserve especial credit, for their leaders being unavoidably absent, they were thrown unexpectedly upon their own merits and proved equal to the occasion by performing splendidly and winning the enthusiastic applause of the audience. They showed what they had accomplished in the way of learning their art during the past year, and this was eminently satisfactory and pleasing to their many friends.

The cash receipts were not enormous, being a little less than \$35, but we hope they were sufficient to encourage the boys to give us another concert in the near future.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OF CANDIDATES FOR MUNICIPAL OFFICES

For Mayor.
To the people of Punta Gorda: Mr. Robert L. Earnest is hereby announced as a candidate for mayor of Punta Gorda at the ensuing election to be held on the 25th day of November, A. D. 1902. Mr. Earnest is not a member of any clique or clan, but is in favor of law and order; he is a young man of sterling qualities and of a progressive mind, and, if elected, which he will be, he will render such service to the town as will meet the approval of all good citizens. **MANY VOTERS.**

For Marshal.
We are authorized to announce P. A. COOK as a candidate for town marshal, subject to whatever primary or convention may be agreed upon.

The many friends of J. H. Bowman announce him as a candidate for reelection for marshal of the town of Punta Gorda at the coming election to be held on the 25th day of November, A. D. 1902. Mr. Bowman needs no introduction to the people of the town, as his past record as marshal speaks for itself. **MANY VOTERS.**

WEDDINGS.

Elliott-Reynolds.
Baltimore Sun: Miss Bertha Eldridge Reynolds, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Reynolds, and Mr. James R. Elliott, a merchant of Punta Gorda, Fla., were married at noon Wednesday at the home of the bride's parents, 1823 Druid Hill avenue, Rev. Dr. Joseph T. Smith, pastor emeritus of the Central Presbyterian Church, officiated. Miss Mabel Reynolds, a sister of the bride, was bridesmaid and Mr. J. S. Leary was best man. The bride wore a gown of point d'esprit lace and carried bride roses. The bridesmaid wore a gown of white silk mail. After the ceremony there was a reception at the home of the bride, following which the couple left on a trip for Niagara. They will reside at Punta Gorda.

Latham-Lucas.

Palatka Times-Herald Oct. 10th: A quiet and pretty marriage was solemnized at the residence of Mrs. S. E. Bond at 8 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, the contracting parties being Dr. Frederick C. Latham, of Punta Gorda, Fla., and Miss Lollie Lucas, of this city. Father Veal officiating.

The wedding march was played by Mrs. Bond. The bride was attired in white silk mail and real lace over white taffeta silk. She carried a large bouquet of bride's roses and maiden hair ferns.

After the ceremony the bridal dress was exchanged for a traveling gown of fawn colored venetian cloth trimmed in brown satin, with hat to match.

The parlors were artistically and handsomely decorated in flowers, ferns and other evergreen. The couple stood beneath a large and beautiful wedding bell. After a sumptuous repast the happy couple left on an extended tour to Atlanta and other points. Upon their return they will go to housekeeping at their future home, Punta Gorda.

The bride is one of Palatka's most lovely and attractive daughters, and the groom is to be congratulated on winning such a helpmeet.

Dr. Latham is one of the prominent young business men of the South Florida city, and in his chosen profession, dentistry, has met with well deserved success.

The second new 8 inch artesian well of the Consolidated Co., which was finished last week, is 48 feet deep and flows 400 gallons a minute.

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