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### (CONTRIBUTED.) PRESS COMMENT.

**What the Most Influential of Florida's Newspapers Say of Men, Measures and Events Political.**

#### THINGS OF INTEREST TO EVERY CITIZEN.

The Board of Bond Trustees Eulogizes Hon. J. M. Barra for His Great Work for Jacksonville, and Pays Him the Highest Tribute as a Faithful Official and a Patriotic Citizen.

Hon. J. M. Barra, Democratic candidate for the nomination for congress in the Second Congressional District, lately tendered his resignation as City Attorney, a position which he has faithfully filled for a number of years. The Board of Bond Trustees at a recent meeting, in appreciation of the services of Mr. Barra, took occasion to praise him for his devotion to the city and his untiring energy in making Jacksonville one of the greatest municipalities in the South.

Regarding the meeting of the Bond Trustees referred to above, the Times-Union, in speaking of the above feature, says:

"There were present at the meeting the following members of the Board: S. F. Dillon (chairman), Superintendent of the Western Union Telegraph Company; A. W. Cokerell, attorney at law; L. Furchott, wholesale and retail dealer in dry goods; A. B. Campbell, music dealer; Elton Barnett, president of the National Bank of Jacksonville; John D. Baker, of the Baker-Holmes Grocery Company, and Arthur H. Perry, cashier of the Mercantile Exchange Bank.

"The interest of the session of the Board of Bond Trustees last night centered in the nomination for City Attorney. It was a foregone conclusion that Cromwell Gibbons would be nominated.

"The retiring City Attorney, J. M. Barra, received last night an encomium from the Board of Bond Trustees that should be gratifying to him, after his long public service to the city.

#### THE RESOLUTIONS.

"The resolutions were adopted by a unanimous rising vote and are as follows:

"Whereas, The members of this board, after many years of intimate association with J. M. Barra, City Attorney, in municipal matters, learning that he cannot be induced to serve the city in that office another term, deem it fit and proper that they give expression of their unanimous appreciation of the character and services of J. M. Barra as a city official; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That it is the unanimous sentiment of the members of this board that, during his service as City Attorney, of the City of Jacksonville, a period of more than ten years, J. M. Barra has ever been a model city official, exemplifying in his every act of that an honest, efficient, faithful, patriotic and self-sacrificing municipal officer should be.

"The members of this board desire to express their conviction that to this officer, more than to any other one man, official or citizen, is attributed the remarkable improvement in the municipal affairs of the city of Jacksonville... His was the mind to conceive, in 1893, the scheme of public improvements then inaugurated. He it was who, of his own motion, drafted the bill for the necessary legislation which enabled the city to issue the waterworks and improvement bonds and to enlarge and extend the waterworks and put in its sewerage system, to which is to be, in marked degree, attributed the wonderful improvement in the health and sanitary conditions of the city; the creation of the city's electric plant; the paving of our principal streets, the improvements of and additions to our park system, the bulkheading of the river front, and other municipal improvements... He has aided and assisted constantly with untiring energy, able advice and patriotic action, far beyond the bounds of his official duties, the various boards and officers of the city to the material improvement of municipal conditions. His unflinching performance of disagreeable duties, when necessary, has been as marked as his always courteous bearing toward every one, and his affable leniency toward those willing but unable to do immediately all the law required.

UNTIRING, PATRIOTIC AND CAPABLE.

"The members of this board desire to express their sentiment and opinion that this city has never had an official to whom its citizens were under

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obligations for services more unselfish, more untiring, more patriotic or more capable than have ever marked the course of J. M. Barra as City Attorney during his incumbency of that office... Be it further

"Resolved, That a copy of this resolution, signed by each of the members of this board, be sent to the Hon. J. M. Barra as a token from the members of this board of the appreciation of his services to the city of Jacksonville and its citizens, and that the same be spread on the minutes of this board."

The above is particularly gratifying to the laboring people of Jacksonville, as they have looked to Mr. Barra for years to protect them against the encroachments of the trusts and the transportation companies. His work in forcing the railroad and the Street Car Company to pay their share of the taxes has proven of vast benefit to the people in general, and the tolling masses in particular. As congressman, he will still guard the interests of the workmen.

Mr. Barra will prove a valuable aid to W. R. Hearst and others who are battling in national conflicts for the workmen. He will make a national reputation in Washington, and there is every indication that he is headed that way and cannot be stopped by the machinations of trusts and combines, who hate him worse than "Satan hate" holy water.

Mr. Barra is Democratic to the core, and above all, he is a steadfast friend to the masses. Florida needs such a man in Washington and will no doubt have him there as successor to Congressman Dayin.—Florida Labor Journal, Dec. 25, 1903.

#### STOCKTON OR STANDARD OIL.

As the time for holding the primary election approaches, that part of the state press sometimes called the "Flaglerized press," grows more and more vehement in their denunciations of John N. C. Stockton, candidate for the United States Senate.

The corporation influence of the state is exceedingly anxious to defeat Mr. Stockton, and for obvious reasons. In the first instance they read, they recognize in him one who cannot be made subservient to their will; one who had rather see justice done to his friends—the people—than to share the ill-gotten gains of these corporations.

In the next place they recognize in Mr. Stockton and his supporters, the mainstay of the Democracy of Florida. They see in his defeat their restoration to power and the end of Democratic rule in this state.

The contest has now reached a point where it is easy to define the policy and position of Mr. Stockton's strongest opponent, Senator Tallafiero. Whatever claim the "business senator" may have had upon the people of Florida for reelection he has forfeited by his affiliations with the common enemy of our people—the trusts and illegal combinations of this state.

We do not wonder that the Times-Union and a few other newspapers in the state are clamoring for Tallafiero's reelection. We doubt if there is a man in Florida better acquainted with the desires of the enemy, or readier to do their will, than is Senator Tallafiero. They are making strenuous efforts to elect him because he is better suited to their way of doing things than other candidates.

Does anyone suppose that the great corporations of this state, or their great paper, the Times-Union, would be making all this fuss about Senator Tallafiero's reelection if he were not in full accord with their interests? Certainly not. And when the votes have been counted and Stockton declared elected, these newspapers that have fought him so bitterly may go away back and congratulate themselves that they have, even at this late day, learned that Florida is Democratic and refuses to be led by any other than Democrats.

That John Stockton is a democrat no one seems to question. That he is well qualified to fill the high position to which he aspires there is no doubt, and the force war being waged against him by a Standard Oil magazine and his hirelings is but conclusive proof that he is a people's man and one who can be trusted to stand aloof from the shady practices and tempting allurements of trust manipulators and their accomplices.—Pajmette News.

#### WHO ARE "TOTTING FAIR?"

The corporation organs which cartoon, lampoon and abuse such men as Stockton, Barra and Broward as designing politicians who are trying to "work" the people of Florida for their own individual gain and profit, in such a course show a very low estimate of the intelligence of the people. For every sensible person knows that under the direct nomination system given by the present primary law, the selection of officials is absolutely in the hands of the people; there is no intermeddling intermediary whatever; and while the people might be fooled in selecting new men, they could not be the second time. Under this system a public man cannot possibly hold his standing with the people unless he serves them satisfactorily.—Therefore—as every

#### Domestic Troubles.

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reasonable person knows—scheming politicians who wish to "work" the people for the direct primary system as the devil hates holy water. Conventions—packed conventions—are what they want.

Now, how come Florida to have a primary law? Who favored it and who opposed it? Who wished to place all nominations directly in the hands of the people, and who fought to the last ditch to hold from the people the right to make their own nominations? Who were willing to trust their political lives to the people, and who were not?

This same Stockton, Barra and Broward and their co-workers throughout the state were the men who for years, and against every obstacle cunning and money, could put in the way, struggled for the establishment of the direct nomination system. And the cunning and the money that raised these obstacles came directly from the corporations, their organs, henchmen and lobbyists—the very crowd whose organs are now trying to make the people believe Stockton, Barra, Broward, et al, are trying to "work" them.

Men who are willing to submit their claims to or worthiness for public office directly to the people cannot be very dangerous men; unless it be assumed that the people themselves are ignorant or vicious and unfit for self-government—which very likely may be the opinion held by the Times-Union and the corporate influences it represents.—St. Petersburg Times.

#### IF THEY WILL ONLY LET POLITICS ALONE.

No one that we have heard of has ever objected to the trusts and corporations investing all the capital in Florida that they wish to, neither has any one ever objected to their making a reasonable profit, where it is done in an honorable way; but the people of Florida do object to their manipulating the political affairs of the state in their own interest as has been done in the past.

By shrewd manipulation nearly all the lands belonging to the state have passed into the possession of the railroads that ground the lifeblood out of the masses, until compelled by the railroad commission to reduce both passenger and freight rates.

Flagler, the Standard Oil magnate, is at liberty to go on and do all the developing he wishes to, and no one will have a word to say about the profits he makes in a legitimate way; but for any one to say that he makes no effort to control political affairs is misleading.

In the legislature of 1901 his cunning was shown when that infamous divorce bill was passed and became a law. That he used money or other powerful inducements in certain quarters to accomplish that feat we do not suppose any will attempt to deny.

When the last legislature was elected the indignant people of Florida demanded that infamous law be repealed and wiped from our statute books. The house of representatives knew what was expected of that body, and promptly passed the repealing act. But, when the measure reached the senate we all know what happened.

That model of moral perfection from Hamilton county, who had been selected as president of the senate, descended from his lofty perch and took of on that "only admissible" amendment and killed the bill. Half of the senators were hold-overs and a few of the old members had been re-elected, which gave the Flagler element a majority in the upper branch of the legislature. Did they fall to serve their master faithfully? Did the senate not show to all Florida that, so far as it was concerned, the will of the people might go to the demagogue howsoever just so the great and only Flagler might have what he wanted.

The voters of the state have this matter in their own hands, and it is their duty to question every candidate for governor, attorney general and for membership to the legislature as to their attitude on all important questions. These are the men that will have the making and execution of the laws in their keeping.—Macclenny Standard.

#### THEY'LL BE CLOSELY WATCHED.

It is noticeable that candidates for state offices who feel called upon to publish platforms lay great stress upon their loyalty to the primary system and to the railroad commission. It is perceiving through the brain of the ambitious politician that these two laws are very dear to the people of this state, and that he who opposes them courts political death. The attempts hereafter to be made to destroy the primary and the railroad commission will be insidious and under all possible cover, and are, therefore, the more carefully to be watched by the people.—Miami Evening Record.

#### ENEMIES TO HIS CREDIT.

Because J. M. Barra, as city attorney, of Jacksonville, has forced wealth to bear something like its just proportion of taxes, he will lose a few of the wealthier people's votes; but the men who own but little and have always been compelled to pay taxes on what they possessed, will vote for J. M. Barra.—Gainesville Star.

The many friends of G. H. Hausen engineer L. E. & W. R. R., at present living in Lima, O., will be pleased to know of his recovery from threatened kidney disease. He writes: "I was cured by using Foley's Kidney Cure, which I recommend to all, especially trainmen who are usually similarly afflicted." For sale by B. M. Wade & Co.

### POLITICAL LETTER.

Episodes and Lessons From the Manatee Celebration.

[Special Correspondence of THE HERALD.]

JACKSONVILLE, January 11.—Mr. Stockton poses as the only friend of the "dear people," and instead of showing what he has ever done for them, seeks to drag down a formidable opponent by denouncing him as "a corporationist." He forgets, or rather, would have the people forget, that he, himself, is not free from a similar disability—if it be one. As president of a national bank, as one of the founders of the close corporation known as the Jacksonville Clearing Association, as an owner and officer of a great phosphate mining concern, and, worst of all, as a stockholder and director of the Tampa Commercial Company, and as such the recipient of rebates on freight, the awful crime with which he charges Senator Tallafiero, he has always been, and now is that hated and despised thing, "a corporationist."

#### CURIOUS CAMPAIGNING.

Upon excellent authority the fact is learned that Governor Jennings, in a recent speech in Calhoun county, declared that while he "had been in his office day and night for eleven months," there had been a time since Tallafiero was elected when "for eleven months" that gentleman "had not been in his office eleven days," or words to that effect. Now, what sort of back-woods campaigning do you call that? And what sort of people did the governor think he was talking to, expecting them to believe what he said? Every one who heard him must have known that no period of eleven months elapses between the sessions of the senate; that during all vacations every senator has a vast volume of important correspondence on public affairs which must be attended to; that an active, faithful and conscientious senator is obliged to work "day and night" during the sessions to accomplish his purposes in behalf of the people he represents, and that no senator or representative who has accomplished what Florida's delegation has done in the last two congresses can have any time for play or idling. But then, Mr. Jennings evidently imagined that he was talking to ignorant people who would know no better than to believe what he said. That they will vigorously resent his opinion of them at the polls should surprise no one, least of all, Governor Jennings himself.

#### BACK INTO LINE.

The Bradenton Herald on the 3rd of December announced itself for Stockton for United States senator. Four weeks of experience in the Stockton camp appeared to satisfy it, and on December 31 it formally declared for Senator Tallafiero. Its action represents only one of several similar changes, and demonstrates the fact that at heart all of the Florida newspapers (save a very few) that may have been "subsidized" are true to the history, the traditions and the doctrines of the inviolable and untrifled Democracy, and incapable of being permanently led astray after the strange gods of misrule and independence, as exemplified by the opposition to the Democratic candidate, Senator Tallafiero. The Florida Democracy will heartily welcome the Herald back into the ranks and give it due credit for the courage of its convictions.

#### CALL IN THE RACE.

The sudden and unexpected arrival of ex-Senator Wilkinson Call in Florida and the formal announcement of his candidacy for the United States senate, throughout the State, and many of the Florida newspapers have published varied and interesting comments thereon. Lacking space for a complete symposium of their utterances, the concrete status of press opinion may be briefly set forth thus: Mr. Call will assuredly become a prime factor in the contest, not on account of a large vote, for that is not regarded as possible, but because of the holes his vote will make in the support which other candidates have confidently calculated upon. His declaration of war upon each of the three other candidates—upon Senator Tallafiero as an independent, a bolter, a deserter and an ingrate, and upon Governor Jennings as a wily, professional politician who is and has been using his official position in the construction of a personal machine—is regarded as entirely characteristic and likely to attract the attention. If it does not secure the votes, of quite a considerable element in the ranks of the present supporters of the two aspirants last named, while Mr. Tallafiero's voting strength cannot be visibly affected by anything Mr. Call can do or say. One newspaper mentions a story to the effect that a short time ago, when Mr. Call was "down on his luck," Stockton took him to his house and comforted him, but this lacks confirmation, and Mr. Call will doubtless resent being regarded, even in fiction, as an object of charity. Finally, it seems to be generally agreed that Call's candidacy promises to develop forces which must be reckoned with by all three of the other candidates—by Stockton, as a dangerous invasion of his special prerogative of posing as "the people's friend" by vigorous

denunciation of corporations; by Jennings as a threatened exposition of his peculiar machine methods, already widely regarded as discreditable, and by Tallafiero as a more able and effective campaigner than either of the others along the demagogic lines which both affect as the self-appointed champion of the "dear people."

#### TAKING CARE OF HIMSELF.

A wide awake and popular "commercial tourist" from Baltimore, who has just returned from a trip through South Florida, was chatting with a group of brother artists in the lobby of the Duval a few evenings ago when some one mentioned Manatee.

"Manatee!" exclaimed the tourist, "wait till I tell you. I was there last week when they had that political meeting, and I had the time of my life—never enjoyed anything as I did that since I was a kid. And I tell you, that man Tallafiero, the senator, is a peach-erina from Peachtown."

"There was a skinny little fellow named Stockton, who, it seems, thinks he is running for senator, and who was whining because Tallafiero had secured an appropriation for a light house down on the coast near near Miami 'for Flagler's benefit,'" as he said. "Well sir, when it came the senator's turn he simply wiped up the earth with the skinny one, and among other things he handled the light house racket. It was this way: 'My friends, he says, 'Mr. Stockton has accused me of building a light house for Mr. Flagler's benefit. Mr. Flagler owns a railroad from Jacksonville to Miami and a lot of mighty nice hotels along its line. Will any one of you please tell me, if you can, what on earth Mr. Flagler would want with a light house?' That closed the incident the reporters say, and simultaneously closed the little fellow's mouth.

"Then there was another man, who they said is Florida's governor, and who appeared to be trying his little best to get into the 'also-ran' class. He spent considerable time trying to make it appear that Tallafiero had been claiming a reduction of the Cuban tariff on cattle, and in doing so said that Cuba imported about seven million head a year, only a million and a half of which came from Florida, and that statistics showed that Florida did not contain half a million head. The senator perfectly awfully, the senator got his innings. He began by calling on the audience to notice particularly the miserable, pettifogging methods of campaigning employed against him. He jumped the governor and pulled out a newspaper clipping to prove his 'elminor.' The senator waved it aside, saying: 'Don't confront me with newspaper clippings, sir, when you yourself heard my speech at Punta Gorda in August, and have doubtless studied it in print since, to find flaws in it if you could, in which I distinctly said that Cuba's importations of cattle amount in value to seven million dollars a year, of which the United States furnish about one and a half million dollars. And I want to tell you, sir, that I denounce such methods of misrepresentation as you have used, as unworthy of the high position which you occupy.' And then the crowd broke loose again.

"I am told, concluded the speaker, that the senator disclaims the possession of oratorical gifts, but he sure knows how to take care of himself, all right."

Some opposition newspapers, opposed to everything which does not subordinate the public interest to personal ambitions, have criticized Senator Tallafiero as being afraid to meet his opponents face to face before the people. Well, he did so meet them at Manatee, and it was a veritable Waterloo for them, wasn't it?

If any one wants to see a few samples of splendid and effective campaign work, let him examine the columns of Florida's leading labor periodicals, the Tampa Democrat and the Jacksonville Florida Labor Journal and see how Senator Tallafiero stands in the estimation of organized labor.

#### Saved from Terrible Death.

The family of Mrs. M. L. Robbitt of Bartlett, Tenn., saw her dying and were powerless to save her. The most skillful physician and every remedy used, failed, while consumption was slowly but surely taking her life. In this terrible hour Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption turned despair into joy. The first bottle brought immediate relief and its continued use completely cured her. It's the most certain cure in the world for all throat and lung troubles. Guaranteed. Bottles 50c and \$1. Trial bottles free at all Drug Stores.

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