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FOR

UNITED STATES SENATOR

VOTE FOR

James P. Taliaferro,

Whose name is commonly pronounced as if it were spelled

"TOLLIVER."

Cartoonist Smith, of Claude L'Engle's Florida Sun, is in the foremost rank of comic artists.

In December, it's only so many days to Christmas; now, it's only nineteen days till the primary.

A. B. Newton, of Orange county, is a candidate for presidential elector. He is strongly endorsed by the Orlando Star.

The New York State convention this week instructed Judge Parker. This settles the case of Mr. Hearst.

The deepest sympathy is felt throughout the State for Editor B. B. Tatum, of the Miami Metropolis, whose devoted wife died last Friday.

Gainesville Sun:—The sentiment for Senator Taliaferro is increasing in Alachua county daily, and he will doubtless receive a good majority of the votes cast at the primary, May 10.

THE HERALD is beset with difficulties. Unobtainable ink causes a miserable print of the paper, and the chief printer being sick aggravates our troubles. But "sick is life" in a country printing office.

The Palmetto News is very angry because Joe Humphries is running for State senator and it denounces him as a better and independent. But there can't be any better or independent until after the primary of May 10th.

Gainesville Sun:—Senator Taliaferro's record has stood the test of the X-ray and he is today the strongest candidate before the people for the Senate. He has attended to his duties in Congress when his services were required, notwithstanding that his opponents were touring the State and endeavoring to belittle him in the eyes of his constituents, and has demonstrated that he is the right man in the right place.

An editorial paragraph in the esteemed Jacksonville Metropolis of Monday might be construed as meaning that THE HERALD insinuated that of the three candidates for secretary of state, only Hon. B. F. Kirk is competent and worthy. All three are capable and deserving gentlemen, but, in addition to this, Senator Kirk has been a loyal friend of this editor since 1878; hence THE HERALD's preference of him.

The Tampa Herald, presumably a Democratic paper, or masquerading as such, recklessly charges the two gentlemen in this district who are candidates for national delegates and not under iron-clad instructions for Mr. Hearst, with being "in favor of Parker, Cleveland or any of the counterfeit members of the Democratic party." As it is quite likely that the Democratic party of the entire country in convention assembled at St. Louis will nominate Judge Parker for president, the Tampa Herald should begin at once to lay in a supply of "crow" and apologies.

Chairman McEachern says there is now no doubt that Senator Taliaferro will win in the first primary. It certainly looks that way in this section, where the Senator has been steadily gaining in strength for several months past. At first, for instance, DeSoto County was conceded to Mr. Stockton; now it is clear to all observing men that DeSoto will give a majority for Senator Taliaferro. Many Democrats who admire his opponents are strongly opposed to the injustice of retiring a man who has served his State so nobly, especially as his retirement at the end of his first term would be a gross violation of all Democratic precedent.

FLATTERING ENDORSEMENTS.

The editor of THE HERALD sincerely thanks his journalistic friends for the following flattering endorsements of his candidacy for delegate to the St. Louis convention:

DeSoto County News:—Col. A. P. Jordan, the able editor of the PUNTA GORDA HERALD, announces that he is a candidate for delegate from the First Congressional district to the national democratic convention. Mr. Jordan is a good democrat and should receive the unanimous endorsement of the people of DeSoto county.

Bradentown Herald:—The only objection we have to Mr. Jordan is that he is antagonistic to Mr. Hearst.

Lakeland Sun:—Mr. Jordan is a staunch democrat and is always found on the right side. A vote for him will be appreciated.

East Lake Region:—We believe Mr. Jordan will make an able representative for the 1st District.

Bradentown Journal:—No better choice could possibly be made. Brother Jordan is a true and tried democrat who will, if elected, represent the district faithfully, honestly and with credit to the district.

Tampa Tribune:—Mr. Jordan is one of the leading Democrats of South Florida. He believes in that conservatism in the party which alone can give it a chance of success in the forthcoming national election. He is a strong and consistent opponent of the lams and schisms which have crippled the party, and he will be found at St. Louis, as he has been found everywhere, advocating the best men and the best measures. He will be elected by an overwhelming majority.

Fort Myers Press:—Mr. Jordan is a sterling Democrat, and should receive every vote in Lee county for this position.

Bartow Courier-Informant:—Mr. Jordan is a good man for the place, and richly deserves this recognition at the hands of the party in whose ranks he is doing such splendid service.

Ocala Banner:—A. P. Jordan, the brilliant editor of the PUNTA GORDA HERALD, is a candidate for delegate to the national democratic convention at St. Louis from the first congressional district of Florida and this paper hopes that he will be elected. Mr. Jordan has been a consistent, organized democrat all his life and is the Carmack of Florida. The democratic party of this state will honor itself by honoring him.

Sumterville Times:—Everybody in Sumter county knows Mr. Jordan and that's all need be said in his behalf.

St. Augustine Record:—A. P. Jordan, one of the cleanest and ablest editors in Florida, and a man whose Democracy cannot be questioned, is a candidate for delegate to the national convention. Men of Mr. Jordan's stamp are worthy representatives of Florida Democracy.

Crystal River News:—Bro. Jordan is one of the brainiest men in our State—and, of course, he will be elected all right enough.

Brooksville Argus:—While Brother Jordan is a master hand at telling fish tales, he is better at being a Democrat, and, if sent to the national convention, will do credit to the State and district.

Lakeland News:—Mr. Jordan is editor of the PUNTA GORDA HERALD and tells the best fish story of any man in Florida, is a life long democrat and deserving of the honor he seeks.

Tavares Herald:—Mr. Jordan needs no introduction to the people of Lake county, having lived in Leeburg for a number of years, where he did journalistic work, and was postmaster for four years under a Democratic administration. His Democracy is unquestioned and he has ever been faithful to every trust imposed. He is at present editor and proprietor of the PUNTA GORDA HERALD, one among the ablest edited papers in the state.

Leesburg Commercial:—Col. A. P. Jordan, editor of the PUNTA GORDA HERALD, formerly of Lake and Sumter counties where he has many friends who pleasantly remember him; formerly of Leesburg where, with his interesting family, he resided many years and lent his best energies in the upbuilding of town and county, is a candidate for Delegate from the First Congressional District of Florida to the National Democratic Convention. We predict his election.

THE VETERAN VOTE WILL GO TO AN OLD COMRADE.

[Special correspondent, Key West.]

There are about 5000 Confederate veterans in Florida. They have at the lowest estimate as many sons and sons-in-law, whose vote is controlled largely by their influence. This vote will go solid, almost to a man, for C. M. Brown for governor. Thus spoke a high Confederate veteran yesterday. Mr. Brown was a captain in the First Florida regiment, and served under Gen. Robert E. Lee from the first to the last day. The four bullets which he now carries as proof of his bravery at Seven Pines, Bull Run, Olustee, and Petersburg. The Southern men in Florida are not going to forget C. M. Brown on May 10, no matter how well they like the other candidates who are running for governor. A man who fought side by side with our fathers, and who never showed his back to the enemy is the man who will get their votes for governor. That man is C. M. Brown. With these 15,000 votes, and the many others which his sterling honesty and ability will bring him, will carry C. M. Brown very near a winner in the first primary.

TALIAFERRO'S RECORD IN THE UNITED STATES SENATE BRIEFLY STATED.

Free Delivery Routes.

By his efforts, Senator Taliaferro secured the establishment of a number of Free Rural Delivery Routes in Florida, and of postal sub-stations in the suburbs of the City of Jacksonville.

Fast Mail to Florida.

As a member of the Committee on Postoffice and Postroads, Senator Taliaferro succeeded in having an amendment reported by the Committee to the clause of the bill providing for a Fast Mail Route from New York to Atlanta and New Orleans, for the extension of similar fast mail facilities to Jacksonville, without additional compensation to the railroads. The bill as thus amended passed the Senate, but the provision for the Jacksonville route was stricken out in the House.

Pension Committee Work.

As a member of the Committee on Pensions, Senator Taliaferro had in his personal charge the pension interests of citizens of Florida, Georgia and South Carolina. The records of the Pension Office will show how faithfully he performed this duty to the people of all these States, his reports upon pension claims therefrom being adopted by the full Committee in practically every case. Besides this work he introduced and aided in the passage of a large number of private pension bills for Floridians.

Cuban Cypress Tariff.

When the War Department had military control of Cuba the provisional tariff then existing for the island classed cypress lumber as cabinet wood, whereupon the duty was absolutely prohibitive. Senator Taliaferro appeared before the Department and successfully argued for a change in the tariff, by means of a ruling of the Department, whereby cypress lumber was rated the same as pine lumber, greatly to the advantage of Florida manufacturers and exporters thereof, and of all persons connected with the cypress lumber industry in the State.

Florida Appropriations.

The work accomplished by the Florida delegation in Congress, in the matter of securing appropriations for Florida, is already known to every resident of the State.

In round figures the State has been the gainer by the work of the delegation over Four Million Dollars (\$4,000,000), which includes Rivers and Harbors, Pensions, Indian War Claims, Public Buildings and Light Houses. The people of Florida have been benefited over \$7.00 per capita.

Cuban Cattle Duty Reduced.

Senator Taliaferro, arguing before the Committee on Foreign Relations, accomplished a benefit for Florida stock growers which they will not soon forget. The Committee was considering the reciprocity treaty with Cuba, and by an amendment which he offered and ably advocated, the word "Cattle" in the enumeration of products to be affected by the treaty was transferred from its position in the clause providing for a 30 per cent. reduction to that providing for a 40 per cent. reduction, thus reducing the tariff on animals below 500 pounds in weight from \$2 to \$1.20 each, and on animals exceeding that weight from \$5 to \$3.

Improvement of the St. Johns River.

The large appropriations for the improvements of the St. Johns River and providing for the dredging of the channel, secured through the concerted action of a harmonious delegation, reaches in its immediate effect many counties and numerous towns that will be benefited through an improved waterway, and incidentally the State will share in this improvement. This will open up a new avenue of commerce, thereby affording Interstate shippers the benefit of competition which will inevitably result in better service and still further reductions in rates of freight on goods coming into as well as going out of the State.

Cotton Crop Statistics.

When the Senate Census Committee of the 57th Congress was considering the bill for the establishment of a permanent Census Bureau, the aggregate of the appropriations required therefor looked so large that Republican members of the Committee proposed to reduce it by cutting out the amount provided for the collection and printing of crop statistics. Senator Taliaferro vigorously protested against this, declaring that it was the one feature of the bill calculated to benefit the Southern farmers, and gave notice that if it was eliminated he would oppose the passage of the bill. His protest was effective, the Committee retaining the disputed item, and the bill containing it becoming a law.

Seminole War Pensions.

The bill granting pensions of \$8 per month each to the surviving soldiers of the Seminole Indian War of 1856-7, and to the widows of deceased soldiers thereof, enacted in 1902, was the subject of Senator Taliaferro's constant care. The result of the passage of the bill will be to distribute in Florida annually for some years the sum of about \$100,000 to these deserving and long-neglected patriots and their surviving representatives. The original bill for this purpose was introduced by Mr. Taliaferro in the 56th Congress, and passed the Senate, but was defeated in the House. At the next session he incorporated its provisions in another or general pension bill then pending, and it went through both Houses in that shape, becoming a law.

Indian War Claim.

So much has been published concerning Florida's ancient claim, first presented in the Senate by Senator Yulee, in 1859, for moneys expended in the payment of troops and otherwise in suppressing the Seminoles in the years of 1836 and 1837, that little need be said of its earlier history, with which all Floridians are familiar.

When Mr. Taliaferro entered the Senate the previous efforts of the State's representatives in the Congress had resulted in having the Secretary of War make and state an account showing the respective amounts

mutually due from the State and from the United States. With a view to the successful advocacy of the claim, he planned for a place on the Committee on Claims, which he secured. After many months of careful study of the details of the claim and the existing situation in which he had the invaluable assistance of Hon. Wm. D. Bloxham, who furnished much of the data and probably knew as much about the matter as any other person living—Senator Taliaferro decided that the best way to secure favorable action upon it was to present it as an amendment to the Omnibus Claims bill, then pending in the House, and which embraced a large number of claims involving the interests of nearly every State in the Union. He accordingly offered an amendment to that bill, making provision for the payment of the claim. In this policy, and throughout the entire course of legislation in the matter, he had the united and enthusiastic co-operation of the other representatives of Florida in the Congress.

From the beginning the delegation encountered active and determined opposition from other members who represented claims embraced in the bill. By shrewd and bold insistence upon his rights as a Senator and upon the rights of the State, Mr. Taliaferro succeeded in neutralizing such opposition in the Committee and the Senate, notably in the case of a prominent Senator of another State, who feared that the allowance of Florida's large claim might endanger the chances of his own. By carefully studying the merits of this opposing claim he was prepared to disclose its weaknesses, had this been necessary, but this claim was defeated, and the opposition to the Florida claim did not materialize.

Nevertheless, other obstacles interposed. The bill, which originated in the House, was amended in the Senate to contain a provision for the payment of the "Selfridge claim," for moneys lost in building ships for the Government during the Civil War. The House refused to concur in the amendment, and asked for a conference. The other Senate amendments being involved in the conference, Senator Taliaferro and his colleagues labored with the conferees for the salvation of the bill, the advocates of the Selfridge claim having threatened its defeat if that claim was not included. Finally, Mr. Taliaferro suggested that the Selfridge Claim be referred for settlement to the Court of Claims in a separate measure, and this solution of the controversy being accepted, opposition was withdrawn, the Conference Committee reported the bill favorably with the Florida claim intact, and the bill became a law. Shortly afterwards the Governor of Florida was enabled to go to Washington and receive the warrant.

A POMPAÑO PATRIARCH.

The father of all the pompanoes was caught and sent up here Sunday by George Roberts, who is in charge of a fishing crew for the Florida Fish and Produce Co. The fish weighed 36 lbs. and was the largest pompano ever seen here. Some people were disposed to say it was not a pompano, but a permit. A Manager Blockson is provided with plenty of blank affidavits which one need signing to prove that the fish was a genuine pompano and weighed full 35 pounds.

PLEASANT BIRTHDAY PARTY.

A pleasant day was spent by relatives and friends of Mr. H. L. Curry at his home at Harbor View on last Saturday, the occasion being the birthday of Mrs. Curry. Their children planned to give mamma a surprise in the shape of a birthday party and provided for it liberally. During the day, about 35 relatives and friends from Charlotte Harbor and Harbor View assembled to the surprise of Mrs. Curry.

Tables were laid in the shade of the orange trees where all partook of refreshments of ice cream and cake. Music, games and other amusements were indulged in until the shadows grew long, when all reluctantly parted for their homes, feeling that it is good for brethren to dwell in unity. X.

OFF FOR ST. LOUIS.

Our Cook Takes a Ride With Him.

P. A. Cook, known to his many friends as Gus, left for the St. Louis exposition on Monday evening. He took with him his aggregation of Florida freaks and curiosities, including the 5-legged cow, 3-legged hog, huge and small alligators, a sea-cow (manatee), logghead turtle and other interesting articles. He was accompanied by a bride of his own, his children, Judge N. H. DeCoster, of Harbor View, and Urtie Hatch.

Just before leaving, Gus was happily united in marriage to Miss Rhobena R. Dell, the ceremony being performed by Rev. R. L. Hunter at the home of Hon. W. McLane, where the bride had been staying. She is a young lady of sterling domestic qualities and well fitted to make an excellent wife. The many friends of the groom sincerely congratulate him on his matrimonial success and wish him and his bride a long life full of joy. They also hoped that he may reap a rich financial harvest in St. Louis and come home from the great exposition with a bank balance to his credit big enough to excite the envy of J. Pierpont Morgan.

Gus and his happy family expect to be absent at all the close of the exposition.

Church Notes.

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A Report Corrected.

EDITOR HERALD:—Please allow me space in your paper to correct an erroneous impression in circulation in your town to the effect that Mr. Gladens and myself had formed a combination to beat Mr. Brown in the race for County Supt. of Public Instruction.

No combination, agreement or understanding whatever has been entered into between us.

I have conducted this canvass on my own merits, in an honorable way.

I have the friendship and esteem of both my opponents and expect to hold it after this election is passed.

Yours truly,
W. J. Odum.

Brownville, April 20, 1904.

Business Notices.

Point D'Esprit lace at Earnest's.

A new line of white negligee shirts, the very latest in patterns.—J. R. Elliott.

We wish to call the attention of the ladies to our line of gauze and muslin underwear. Anything you want in this line ready-to-wear.—J. R. Elliott.

R & G Corsets, new styles, just received at Earnest's.

A beautiful line of fans just in; from 5c to \$1.50.—J. R. Elliott.

What you want to buy is what we want to sell. No trouble to trade.—J. R. Elliott.

See that new and handsome line of spring goods at Earnest's.—5

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New line of overalls—Sweet Orr and Flag brand—the best made; all sizes, just received at Earnest's.

Our line of ties bind the trade to the swiftest in the market.—J. R. Elliott.

Men's underwear and hosiery to suit the most particular.—J. R. Elliott.

New line of men's fancy shirts and underwear, the latest spring styles, just received at Earnest's.

When you want the very latest in men's furnishings come to J. R. Elliott.

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D. B. Curtis—Thomson.

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