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PUNTA GORDA, FLORIDA, THURSDAY, AUGUST 12, 1915

Mayor Robertson of Ocala, is outspoken against Senator Bryan and he uses some piratical words to express his opposition.

Give us Knott for governor, Gilchrist for senator and Luning for treasurer, and you can have all the rest of the offices, provided you put good men in them.

Frank Harris of the Ocala Banner, reminds us of what is said of wine: he grows mellow and better with increasing years, and he is not only the Nestor, but the Chesterfield of the Florida press.

Lakeland and Ocala each support two live and highly interesting daily papers, which are far superior to the dailies published in towns of the same size in Georgia, the so-called "Empire State of the South."

You may not agree with the editorial expressions of the Tampa Tribune, but simple candor will compel you to admit that the Tribune is a "tip-top" newspaper, a credit to its publishers, to Tampa and to South Florida.

The Ocala Star says if those Elloit women, who were murdered on the Green Springs road from Tampa to Clearwater, had been murdered in some benighted backwood settlement some one would have been hung for it before now.

Hon. Fred M. Hudson, one of the five candidates for governor, is making a preliminary tour of the state. Notwithstanding the fact that The Herald supports Hon. Wm. V. Knott, it takes pleasure in testifying to the ability and high character of Mr. Hudson.

The Herald editor spent last Friday in Ocala and folks there did not hesitate to challenge him for \$500.00 bets, which indicate either that there is plenty of money in Ocala or that the editor's challengers knew that stern necessity limits his wagers to a jitney each.

At the Governors' Conference, Boston, Aug. 24 to 27th, Massachusetts will entertain the Governors, the first State to do so. The Globe and Advertiser of Boston, in giving the list of Governors who have accepted invitations, end in each instance by quoting the following from Gilchrist's letter: "It is a great privilege to be the guest of such a great state, to visit beautiful, progressive and historic Massachusetts. I am coming."

Ocala has the only knitting mills in Florida and they are making excellent goods. A Herald man, passing by last Friday, was attracted by the sign on the building and went in to see if it

was really and truly a knitting mill. He found that it is (not was), that it is operating a whole battery of machines, so to speak, and that it has more orders than it can fill. Industries like this are what create prosperity, and there should be many such enterprises all over Florida.

The Hon. W. V. Knott, candidate for governor of Florida may prove a knotty problem for other candidates. At least, the Daytona Halifax Journal says he is "unassuming, approachable, gentlemanly, kindly-hearted, and yet, reserved and dignified, he has personal graces as well as official qualifications." That sounds very much like a description of a good, modern politician, whether Mr. Knott is one or not. In addition, however, to winning suavity of manner, and pluckitude of person, a candidate might have to be capable of carrying on a meat axe campaign in order to trim the immodest and turbid class of orators who can make the crowds yell.—Wilmington Star.

No section of DeSoto county need fear that its interests are not going to be well looked after by the present board of county commissioners, nor that it will be treated in any other than a fair way by the members of the board, all of whom are capable gentlemen imbued with the purpose of doing justice to all sections and subserving the best interests of the people of the county in every particular. Punta Gordans may have felt in years ago that this section had been discriminated against at the hands of the county commissioners, but the gentlemen who now compose the board are as friendly to this locality as can be wished for, and there is no reason for any one to feel that we will not be accorded every just and legal consideration. The Herald feels that the county's affairs, in so far as the county commissioners have to do with them, are in safe hands.

"Why not develop a Bermuda onion industry?" asks the Sarasota Sun, which has some strong arguments on the advantage of planting the onions in Sarasota and vicinity. The soil in that section is said to be well suited to raising onions, and there is never any shortage of the demand. The truckers have not taken to raising onions extensively, but wherever tried, in various sections of the state, it has been shown that onions do well. And they bring good prices when shipped.—Times Union Short Talks.

Onions, from The Herald man's observations, do well in nearly all parts of Florida. This section seems especially well adapted to onion growing, as local experiments show, and Punta Gorda will probably some day be known as an onion shipping point.

A man is always happiest when his shoes fit him

STATE PRESS COMMENT

Daytona Halifax Journal:—There are eighteen planks in Gov. Gilchrist's platform and if you agree with ten of them, he says he is satisfied; if you agree with all of them he is "dee-lighted."

DeLand News:—Nathan Bryan won't have either Brother Will or Cousin William J. to refer to this time. He will have to make the fight on his own achievements of the past five years. Can he do it?

Pensacola Journal:—Ex-Gov. Gilchrist is shelling the woods with the 'steenth of the series of pamphlets on "Why I am of Senatorial Calibre." He should mail one to John Beard of Pensacola.

Bartow Courier-Informant:—If our good friend Ex-Governor Gilchrist calls that formidable array of platform planks that he has recently issued, "just popping a cap," we don't want to be anywhere about when he begins to fire off his big guns.

Orlando Reporter-Star:—The Tampa Times calls him Plagiarist Park. Why not tag the whole outfit of senatorial candidates like this: Plagiarist Park, Nery or Negative Nat, Piping Plethoric, Puissant or Patriotic Perry, Amiable Active Aggressive Aggravating Albert?

Ft. Lauderdale Sentinel:—The old timer here claim that the heavy rain fall guarantees good crops next season; that they always get big crops after a wet year; and we think they will be less apt to have frost. The earth is naturally warmer when it is full of water. We say do not plant too large an acreage but work what you do plant well and much better results will follow than what is usually obtained from a large acreage where the crop gets but little attention.

Editor Jordan names four men in whom he has absolute confidence: John Luning, Will Knott, Albert Gilchrist and M. F. Hetherington. And these gentlemen and many others doubtless have the same confidence in A. P. Jordan.—Tampa Tribune.

Precisely true. Brother Jordan carries as many fine qualities, the the qualities that differentiate the the superior man from the common herd, as any newspaper man of our acquaintance; and when it comes to brains, thinking brains, with no handicap of bigotry or prejudice, and that look with the clear vision of the true philosopher into vital questions of the day, that modest, and unassuming country editor own at Punta Gorda is in the front rank of our journalism. A leading article on a live issue from Adrian Jordan is the kind of stuff we go for with avid interest—and we have a taste in such things pretty well cultivated by long experience.—Lakeland Telegram.

A west Florida paper carries in large type at the top of its first page the following: "If you are contemplating buying a home, it will pay you to come to —." In looking over the paper to see what the town has to offer the homeseeker we find just three home ads., one being a realty company and a pressing club. Now who in thunder would want to buy a home in a town that did not have a store in it? Why, a South Florida cemetery is livelier than such a town as that.—Wauchula Advocate.

The State Federation of Women's Clubs is emulating the heroic valor of Don Quixote in fighting bill-boards. They are unsightly, they disfigure the scenery, and we hope the Women's Clubs will rout the bill-boarders from the state. Let them patronize the newspaper.—J. S. S. in Estero Eagle.

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RANDOM RAPS

In great horrors lesser horrors are absorbed.

A plain note like that to Germany requires a plain answer.

What have the model husbands to say about this model husband question?

Germany doesn't use any hurry in taking her pen in hand to write to her Uncle Sam.

Dance from the hips down, is the ultimatum from an expert. Them as has does.

What to do with ex-cabinet members seems to be the least of Mexican revolutionary worries.

Apparently the Japanese diet is on a still hunt in China to see if it can't find something for dessert.

Possibly the unspeakable Turk shows the censor wouldn't pass his freely expressed opinions any how.

Another type of council of war is that in which the family tries to decide where to go on its vacation.

To be equipped with an ardent nature is a blessing so long as it isn't headed in the wrong direction.

The Leelanaw incident shows that submarine warfare can be conducted with some show of decency at least.

T. R.'s present line of vituperation sounds like old stuff. Can it be that he is a victim of unpreparedness?

There is a growing suspicion that the leaders of various factions in Mexico do not want peace at any price.

Colonel Bryan has given up grape juice for loganberries, but he is still sticking to the old line of argument.

It is understood that the president is greatly enjoying the vacation he is taking between Cornish and Washington.

Eyestrain is one of the results of too frequent attendance of the moving pictures. Also at the swimming beaches.

That new polymurical gown said to be adjustable to any season must be something like father's one suit of clothes.

One way careless housewives might baffle thieves would be for them to mislay all valuables in their dress pockets.

Music is said to be an aid in surgical operations, but this is no excuse for sewing up a music box where the appendix used to be.

Custom tailors in convention have resolved that man's overcoat next fall must be shapely. Are the men to be made over?

Lord Northcliffe thinks the allies will win out, but he ventures no opinion as to the outcome of his own war on Lord Kitchener.

Africa is one of the stakes of the great war but in its importance may be fully recognized only when Europe becomes untenable.

We are told by the Jacksonville Metropolis that the camphor industry in Florida is developing so rapidly that it will soon be able to supply the demand for camphor gum for the entire country. Already 10,000 pounds have been produced from 1,600 acres; another company has nine square miles planted to seedlings and will plant as much more.—J. S. S. in Estero Eagle.