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War has been declared on rats by Florida's Catts. Very appropriate.

—w.s.s.—

The Herald has been clamoring for the abolition of the legislature, and now that blamed nuisance has been called into extra session. What's the use of a fellow shouting his larynx into shreds to get any relief for the people?

—w.s.s.—

If we ever have to leave The Herald without an editor for a week, we are going to say to the foreman, "Get a copy of the Ocala Star and clip from it everything you see and print it in The Herald, and you'll be on the safe side in all respects."

—w.s.s.—

The Times-Union ably argues that Nov. 11th be made a national holiday and that Thanksgiving Day be merged into it—that is that Thanksgiving Day be changed from the last Thursday in November to Nov. 11th. Splendid idea! Let it be done.

—w.s.s.—

Cage the ex-kaiser and ex-crown prince and send them around the world to be exhibited as specimens of rare wild animals. Millions of people would pay 25c each to gaze upon the pair, and the receipts would help pay the colossal war debts of the Allies and the United States.

—w.s.s.—

Owing to the inability or indifference of Tampa wholesalers, Punta Gorda grocers are having much trouble in trying to keep adequate supplies of food stuffs. They are often out of such staples as flour, lard and sugar. This condition is very annoying not only to our retailers, but also to their indignant customers.

—w.s.s.—

Congress is not yet Republican, and it won't be Republican before March 4th, 1919. And even then, the president may not call an extra session, which is the only thing that can set a Republican congress to work before December, 1919. So, it could be a year, if the president so willed, before the Republicans could turn things topsy-turvy and "raise Old Harry."

—w.s.s.—

Editor Benjamin of the Ocala Star, having wound up the war eclat, has turned his attention to knitting, which he is trying to learn from printed instructions. The effort, he states, gave him a headache and he says in despair, "How the duce any human being can muster an intellect sufficiently powerful to cope with such a problem, we cannot understand."

—w.s.s.—

It is wise policy to put the Germans "on their feet"—give them all reasonable help to enable them to work, so that they can earn money to pay for all the deviltry they have done. They owe an outraged world more than \$200,000,000,000, and we want to see them get to work and begin paying it.

—w.s.s.—

Workers in ship-yards and in Camp Johnston at Jacksonville are being rapidly released and the wages of those not released are being reduced. Similar measures of economy are being taken

all over the country, and they are heartily approved by the people. The government is doing the right thing in trying to relieve the people of war burdens as rapidly as possible. We cannot help regretting, however, that the great aviation camps at Arcadia may soon be deserted and we will see the soldiers from there no more.

—w.s.s.—

### Bully for the Tribune!

The Tampa Tribune registers a very vigorous and justifiable protest against calling an extra session of the legislature to assemble next Monday, and its protest is emphatically endorsed by thousands of taxpayers. There is absolutely no emergency existing to justify the calling of an extra session; and, if it is held, it will cost the taxpayers between \$40,000 and \$50,000, which will be money actually wasted.

The excuses given are that an extra session is needed to pass laws prohibiting the shipment of liquor into the state, to regulate labor conditions, to provide homes for returning soldiers, to provide for the more efficient collecting of automobile taxes and to make a "moderate appropriation" for the improvement of conditions presumably in the Marianna reform school.

The Tribune vigorously and clearly contends that these excuses are not worthy of consideration; and, as to the present need of money to put the reform school in decent condition, it makes (and in a later edition repeats this offer: "Call off this needless extra session, and call on The Tampa Morning Tribune for the money needed to put that reform school on a plane of comfortable decency and humanity, and The Tribune will lend the state the amount needed, and take its chance on having the regular session of the legislature pay it back at the same interest rate the state would have to pay on any other indebtedness it incurs."

Bully for the Tribune! Having "raised thunder" about the scandalous conditions at the reform school, the Tribune's offer of help to remedy them is very appropriate and in keeping with the public spirit of that great newspaper. Its attack on those conditions and its influence with "the powers that be" has brought good results, one of them being the dismissal of the superintendent of the school; and we hope that its influence, backed by its generous and patriotic offer, will accomplish the desired object in the calling off of the proposed extra session of the legislature.

In taking the stand it does against the proposed unnecessary and reprehensible waste of the taxpayers' money, the Tribune exhibits a degree of courage, for it has long been a supporter of the governor, who called this extra session, and it is well known that the governor takes offense at any opposition to his policies. By its course, the Tribune risks losing his friendship, but, in this instance, it is unquestionably right and, being right, it will add to its already great popularity.

### Editor Jones Retires

Through a stress of circumstances, we neglected last week to make mention of the fact that E. R. Jones had disposed of his interest in the Arcadia News and had retired from the newspaper business. He has not given much attention of late to his newspaper work, a fact that caused us to suspect that he was getting tired of it, and we are, therefore, not surprised by or at his withdrawal. It is very seldom that the work which a man does on a village weekly gives him anything like an adequate recompense, and, ever since Brother Jones entered the business, we felt sure that, sooner or later, he would find it out.

When he gave his earnest attention to the work, however, he produced one of the most interesting papers in Florida, and it was a pleasure to read his writings. This pleasure was enhanced by knowing the high character of the man, that he was and is honest, sincere and incorruptible. In what Brother Jones wrote, there was not the slightest tinge of journalistic boorishness or ruffianism. His writings, while vivacious and often spicy, always reflected his character as a refined, cultured and amiable gentleman. We shall miss him from the ranks—in fact for several months past, we have missed him from the editorial page of the News.

But this sounds as if we were writing his obituary, which we are not. We had much rather write his epithalamium or something equally as good.

We are glad to know that he is succeeded by a gentleman of similar character,—D. B. Sweat, an experienced and capable newspaper man. The work will cause him to make good his name, even in this cool weather, but he is equal to the task. He has lived and worked in this county before, both in the pulpit and in the editorial chair, and he has a host of friends in all sections of the county who will join The Herald in wishing him unbounded success.

—w.s.s.—

### Tons of Paper Wasted

If the folks really want to "save money," I can see where several millions of dollars might have been banked, which has been spent in foolishness in sending out a lot of propaganda regarding the conservation in the methods of conserving. Read this over once more and you'll see what I'm delicately hinting at. There has been an enormous sum absolutely thrown away during the past few years in sending out from headquarters ton after ton of stuff that was useless, that was not fitted for the locality where it was sent, and which didn't amount to anything after it was received. Some folks have as much head as a double-tailed cent. Either way the thing comes down you lose.—Thorn, in Palm Beach Post.

### Possible Change in Sugar Ration

The recent ruling of the Food Administration increasing the per capita ratio from two pounds per person per month to three pounds per person per month, remains in effect, but notice has been received from Washington that, beginning December 1st, the per capita allowance may be increased to four pounds per person per month, wherever sugar is available and in plentiful supply and the Sugar Division has been authorized to issue certificates to dealers to conform to this new allotment, if local supplies permit. The same allotment will, if possible, be allowed public eating places based on the ratio of four pounds of sugar for each ninety meals served. The Sugar Division will be governed at all times by its knowledge of available stocks of sugar. County Food Administrators will receive specific instructions on this particular point and can be relied upon to give merchants and the public all necessary information. — BRAXTON BEACHAM, Administrator.

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