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The Times-Union is now handing out political advice to the Democrats of Florida.

Just a few hints to the people about what they should do in the next campaign.

Good thing—advice to Democrats from the corporation bible that "jes laffed" during the last campaign in this State.

When you think of the advice the Times-Union gives—

Remember that—

The Times-Union is NOT a newspaper—it IS a chattel.

And the Chattel of a Republican who contributed \$2,000 to elect a Republican Governor of New York.

LET'S CINCH THIS BILL QUICK.

When John Watson's "first aid to the dishonest voter" bill was being threshed out in the House, Syd Carter moved for its reconsideration after it had been defeated, so that he might, as he afterwards explained, correct an evil in the present primary law, which in his opinion needed correction.

It will be remembered that Mr. Watson's bill was one to amend the primary law. One section in it which was the REAL MEAT OF THE BILL and doubtless its inspiration, allowed an inspector to help any elector who said he could not read sufficiently well to make his ballot correctly.

As I have before pointed out, I believe this bill was intended to HELP THE PLUTES TO CARRY THE NEXT PRIMARY ELECTION.

If it had become a law, all that would have been necessary to use money was for them to hire one inspector in each voting place, which they could do by spending ten dollars a day for him, which would figure out a little over seven thousand dollars. They they could spend money as much as they please and as often, and be DEAD SURE TO HAVE THE VOTES DELIVERED, because every man they bought would immediately become unable to read SUFFICIENTLY WELL to mark his ballot correctly, and would therefore call on ONE inspector to show him, which inspector could deliver a slip of paper to him, which he COULD CASH IN when he came out after voting the way he was bought to vote.

But this is not what I am going to talk about now. The Watson bill is dead, and the same bill, introduced by Senator Willis, was killed Saturday in the Senate.

Now comes Mr. Carter with a bill to correct the evil he found in the present primary law, which is to carry out Mr. Carter's promises.

It is known as House Bill No. 432, and it has passed both houses.

Its general provisions will aim to prevent combinations in the various Democratic Executive Committees, county and State, by which combinations a certain small number of shrewd, sharp men who make it their business to look out for just such things, may, by judicious use of proxies, CONTROL THE ACTION of the committees.

I have not studied Mr. Carter's bill very carefully, but he tells me that the object of the bill is to be as I have stated it, and I have sufficient confidence in Mr. Carter to recommend this bill to the House for quick action on the Senate amendments.

There can be no better use of the Legislative function than by putting safeguards around the election machinery, that will INSURE THE PURITY OF ELECTIONS as far as it is possible for fallible humanity to do it.

If our elections are not pure, our chance for liberty belongs to that ethereal, intangible, evasive kind of thing described by Mr. Chucks, the Bostonian, as he referred to the condition of the topmast, "precarious and not at all permanent."

MAYBE THIS IS A JOKE—CUT IT OUT.

Senates are useful bodies. They kill bills. Some times they get a little TOO USEFUL and kill some bills that ought not to be killed, but as a general thing they wield the ax both wisely and well, because there are more bad bills than good bills.

So much is this principle recognized in Legislative circles that Houses frequently get gay and pass foolish bills, relying upon the Senate to apply the knife where it will do the most good.

This applies to National as well as State Legislatures. Once in a while Senates play jokes on Houses by passing some of their foolish bills, which they were expected to kill.

For example, the members of the National House of Representatives were in the habit of passing a bill, year by year, prohibiting the sale of liquor in the National Capitol, relying on the Senate to kill it.

It is safe to say that a majority of the National House of Representatives never wanted to run liquor out of the Capitol, but they took the opportunity to make a reputation for themselves (as they thought safely) on account of this same reliance on the Senate.

A couple of years ago the Senate fooled the House. When the annual anti-liquor bill in the National Capitol came over they passed it, and the House has felt sorry ever since, but they have not nerve to repeat it, and the Senate will not relieve the thirst of the statesmen at the other end, because Senators say the House members were so smart that they leave it to them to acknowledge the error of their ways.

They positively refuse to get the House out of its pro-

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