

THE WEEKLY TALLAHASSEAN

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DEMOCRATIC NOMINEES.

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EXPERIENCE OF OTHERS.

The location of the seat of government is a matter of the greatest importance to the people of every State. In each of the States this question has been deliberately settled after a full consideration of all the conditions that surround such institutions. The selection of a State Capital should never be made hastily or without intelligent examination into the effect likely to be produced upon matters of public interest and concern by the environment of each locality offering. The experience of all the States has taught the valuable lesson that Capitals should not be located in the chief commercial cities or in cities upon the seaboard. For instance, the Capital of New York is in Albany, of Pennsylvania in Harrisburg, of Maryland in Annapolis, of Louisiana in Baton Rouge, of Texas in Austin, of California in Sacramento, all comparatively small towns, either inland or unimportant as marts of marine commerce. Inland towns are well known to be healthier and less liable to epidemics and invasions by a public enemy in time of war than seaport towns. Large commercial cities are notoriously more convenient for the working of corrupt lobbies and designing influences than are quiet and smaller towns. The conclusion is plain that those citizens of Florida who wish a continuation of the safe and incorruptible administration of their public business will deem it the course of prudence to vote for the retention of the State Capital at Tallahassee—a high, healthy inland town with every convenience needed for a faithful and satisfactory conduct of the State's business.

BE CALM AND CONSIDERATE.

Those disposed to go rather far out of their way to criticize the Times-Union and Citizen, for reasons peculiarly their own, for its conservative and neutral attitude on the Capital issue, naturally dislike to abandon their grounds, but they are fast awakening to the fact that it is far the best policy to have the good will of every community and of every individual, and that it is also best to have a channel through which the kindly feeling can be maintained. The time is rapidly approaching when the great majority of level-headed citizen of Jacksonville will realize that danger lurks in the zeal of imperate advocacy, and that serious and lasting injury to the commercial interests of our city can spring from a hasty flourish of trumpets, especially when the blast is founded to the discredit of other sections now friendly to the industrial future of Jacksonville. It is

neither wise nor safe to impute to other localities in this contest the lack of sincerity or good motives, for it is certainly best to keep their kindly feeling. Jacksonville is big and strong, and in its strength it should be generous and forgiving; so let us keep this controversy at the high standard so far maintained with dignity and good feeling."

The above from the Times-Union and Citizen of yesterday is too sensible and prophetic to be scanned lightly and soon forgotten. It deserves to be kept before those people who have lost their good judgment in the Capital contest.

ANOTHER BAD BREAK.

The Metropolis says "During the session of the Legislature of 1899 a bill was framed, introduced and came within two votes of being enacted into law, which provided that the location of the seat of State government should be changed from Tallahassee to Jacksonville." This is manifestly untrue in every particular. No bill was introduced on this subject, because bills cannot amend the Constitution. A Joint Resolution to amend the Constitution was introduced in the House to remove the Capital to Jacksonville, but as it did not pass the House it was never at any time introduced or considered in the Senate, consequently it is impossible for it to have come "within two votes of being enacted into law."

AN OLD PUBLICATION.

On Tuesday last we were shown a copy of the Ulster County Gazette, published at Kingston, Ulster county, New York, January 4, 1800. It is number 88, vol. 2, of said paper and contains many quaint advertisements, showing the customs of the people of that day. The editorial and local pages are in deep mourning for the death of Gen'l. Geo. Washington, and are filled with obituaries, and a write up of the funeral of that distinguished gentleman. Altogether the paper is a valuable relic of days gone by. It has been in the possession of Mr. A. F. Roby for many years, and is sent us for the purpose of being turned over to University Library, this city.

Florida people sometimes complain at our State officials for dereliction of duty in the matter of getting out laws and other printed matter late. What would they do if said officials were as slow as Uncle Sam's servants? Since the 1900 census has been completed, and the returns sent to Washington more than two months ago, said Federal officers are distributing the act providing for and the regulations to be observed in taking the census. It serves one purpose, however. It enables people to inform themselves as to whether they have complied with the law or not.

The True Reason.

The Jacksonville papers have given many reason for wanting the State Capital located there, but the following by one of Jacksonville's citizens, which appeared in the "Kick Column" of the Metropolis, gives an inkling of the true reason: "Would it not be a good idea for Jacksonville's association to have one or two good workers from the ranks of organized labor here to visit different sections of the State and show the advantages to be had to the working people by having the Capital located here? Every bill that has passed the Legislature for the betterment of labor and those that have been pigeon-holed have had their origin here, drawn up at the expense of organized labor of Duval county and sent to Tallahassee. With the seat of government here they would be better able to get such legislation through that would better the working people and farmers of our State, as it is from them that the Capital Democratic vote for the most part must come."

If Jacksonville people "would be better able to get such legislation through that would better the working people," they would also "be better able" to get any legislation through which a selfish motive might suggest? In other words they want the Capital located there so their lobbyists and schemers will be at home.

There is no good reason why the State Capital should be removed from Tallahassee. In other States it is not considered necessary to have the State Capital located in the largest and most progressive towns, and as a general rule, these towns have not been selfish enough to ask it. Take Maryland for instance. Annapolis is one of the most antiquated towns in the country; four-fifths of

the people who visit it pass through Baltimore, and yet Baltimore is not clamoring for the Capital. Chicago, we believe, is the greatest railroad center in the world, and yet it gets along without trying to rob Springfield of the little glory it gets out of being the Capital. St. Louis also seems to progress without disturbing Jefferson City. New Orleans is greater than Baton Rouge, as is Philadelphia over Harrisburg. New York City over Albany, and even Wilmington, Del., with two-thirds the population of the entire State, is willing for little Dover to have the honor of being the Capital.

Most of these States are far better able to remove their Capitals than Florida is at present. If the Capital is removed it will be by the vote of Middle and South Florida—the very sections of the State which was hit the hardest by the great freeze—and will these people vote to go into debt a million dollars before they have harvested their first crop of fruit in the past six years? In Middle Florida the orange grower is endeavoring to get enough money to protect his grove; in South Florida he needs every cent he can raise to put out new buds and fertilize his young trees. These problems are of more importance to the material welfare of the State than any Capital removal question.

In a sort of a hazy way the Jacksonville Metropolis suggests that this money can be raised without being a burden to the people and hits at a \$200,000 or \$300,000 State House. Has the voter any assurance that it will not in the end cost two or three million?

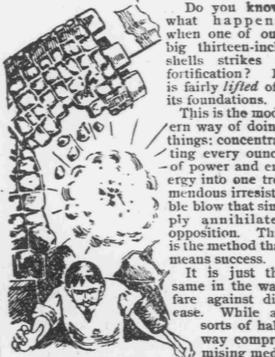
Again, great stress is laid upon Jacksonville's "liberal offer" of \$100,000. What proof has the voter that this money would ever be paid or that some contractor with a political pull will not steal three times that amount?

It is rarely that any public building is built within the cost first estimated, and Florida would do well to think twice before voting for removing the Capital.—South Florida Sun, Avon Park.

Possible Results.

Suppose—for the sake of argument—that at the November primaries Jacksonville or Gainesville or Ocala or St. Augustine is chosen as the location for the State Capital, will, or can, either one of them provide the funds for the erection of a Capitol building? No one of them has ever promised to do so. The State has no money to expend for such a purpose, and the Constitution specifically restricts the power of the Legislature to issue bonds for any purpose other than to repel invasion, suppress insurrection or redeem or refund existing bonds. The result would be that the seat of government, if the whole body of the qualified electors of the State should likewise, in a later election, vote for removal, might be changed and quartered in some inadequate, unfit and cheap temporary structure, until, by due process, the Constitution could be changed so as to permit the issue of bonds for such purpose. This would require years of time and depend upon additional elections among the people, all of which must result favorably to the scheme. In the meanwhile the people of the State would possess an empty and useless public building at Tallahassee, falling into ruin by disuse, a monument to their own folly in having been led by impetuous professional politicians into acts the results of which they, and their children, and their children's

THE SHOT THAT TELLS.



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children, will never cease to regret.—Pensacola News.

Talk Two Ways.

The Jacksonville Capital removers, in their efforts to deceive the people, sometimes hold their hands so low that they are plainly visible. For instance: They have been anxious to move the Capital to Jacksonville, because the interests of the people demanded it. On this they harped, but having no argument to sustain the proposition they tried to make up for its lack by frequent assertion and constant repetition.

But, a few days ago they told a different tale. They wanted some money. Capital removers always do. It affords good opportunity to bleed people. So these Jacksonville removers popped the lancet to the citizens of Jacksonville and sharpened its point by telling them in a circular letter, in which they begged for a donation of what they were pleased to term the "inews of war," that "the Capital removal question was inaugurated and pursued primarily for the purpose of advancing Jacksonville's best interests."

This is a very different story from the one they tell the people of the State.

But as a matter of fact neither statement is correct. The Capital removal question was inaugurated and is being pursued first, last and all the time, for the sole purpose of advancing, the personal and political interests of a handful of Jacksonville politicians.

And they seriously ask the people of the State to shoulder a million dollar debt for their benefit.

Well, the people won't do it, that's all.

The people own a Capitol building at Tallahassee that cost \$164,000; that has not a solitary defect about it, and it won't cost them one cent to keep it.

They'll keep it, too, the efforts of doublecrossed Jacksonville politicians to the contrary notwithstanding.—Lake City Index.

Sizes up the Situation.

The Ocala Banner has thrown new light on the Capital removal question. In its last issue it says: "Mr. Frank Clark, Mr. D. U. Fletcher and others who have traveled outside of Jacksonville, know perfectly well that Jacksonville has no more show of becoming the Capital of Florida than it has of taking a balloon ascension and becoming the Capital of the moon."

"But the agitation may be a stepping stone to other things. "Already the Tampa Tribune has announced Mr. Clark as Mr. Taliaferro's successor as United States Senator.

"There may be a good deal of milk in that cocoanut. "Will Mr. Taliaferro and his friends hold up the hands of the Tampa Tribune in the gratification of its ambition?"

"Will Mr. Taliaferro and his friends blindly help gather the Capital removal acorns, that Mr. Clark may grow into a great big senatorial tree?"

The Banner has sized up the situation correctly. The people of Florida will hardly be found tumbling over each other to gratify the ambition of two or three Jacksonville politicians.—Pensacola Press.

Beware of Them!

The fact that the State Constitution does not permit a city or county to issue bonds for such a purpose (building Capitals) should cause the people to beware of all bogus Capital donations. The only way that Jacksonville or St. Augustine, could issue bonds to raise funds to be contributed towards the erection of a new Capitol building, would be by an amendment to the State Constitution to be voted upon by the people at the same time they vote for an amendment to change the seat of government to some point other than Tallahassee; hence both would, if adopted, become effective at the same time, thus changing the location of the Capital before the question of bonds or no bonds would be submitted to the people of such a county or city, which would be necessary before the bonds could be issued.

It is not reasonable to presume that any town in Florida, after having already secured the Capital, would vote to bond itself to erect a building which would belong to the entire State and which would be obligatory upon the State to erect regardless of any assistance which may have been promised from the town fortunate enough to have been named. Jacksonville wouldn't do it. St. Augustine would not. No town in Florida would.—Pensacola Press.

Capital Removal.

Much is being said at present by the State press on the subject of "Capital removal." It is gratifying to note, however, that the arguments advanced by the removal element are not receiving much encouragement, in fact it is not easy to convince people that it will be "to their interest" to create a debt of a million or more dollars for something they do not need, as would be the case should the Capital be removed from Tallahassee.

Jacksonville's metropolitan evening newspaper, the Metropolis, seems to be leading the removal forces, and were we not all so well acquainted with that paper's achievements on political lines, there might be some room for alarm; but when we consider the successful (?) way in which it secured the nomination of McBeath for Superintendent of Public Instruction, and other candidates for offices, both State and municipal, during the past few months, we are more than convinced that all this idle prattle it is having to say on "Capital removal" is but dross. Florida's seat of government has been at Tallahassee many years, and will be there many more to come. Mark our prediction.—Times-Courier.

Will Find Out November 6.

The Met. seems to think that it is the only publication in the State that knows what it is talking about so far as Capital removal is concerned.

It also looks with doubt upon the promises of other cities to give substantial aid in erecting a new Capitol, should they be successful in securing the same, but, at the same time, is endeavoring to convince the people of the State that Jacksonville's offer is bone fide. If Jacksonville is good for her promise, you should grant the responsibility of the other candidates also.

The various cities, striving for Capital honors, can promise any amount they may deem necessary to catch votes, without fear of straining their credit, for they will never have the opportunity of paying it, since Tallahassee is just as sure to receive that plurality vote on the 6th of next November as the Democratic nominees are to be elected.

The Met. man will wake up on November 7th, to a full realization of what has been going on during his long slumber.—Madison Recorder.

PERSONALS.

The salary of Count Waldseeher in China will not exceed 2,000 marks (\$500) a month, but he will have 10,000 marks besides for expenses.

Of all the line and staff generals in the United States army at present only two, Ludlow and J. M. Wilson, are graduates of West Point.

The women of Pietermaritzburg are getting up a memorial to the late Lieutenant Roberts, son of the British commander. It will be in the form of a stained glass window in the garrison church. It is also intoned as a mark of sympathy with Lord and Lady Roberts.

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