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## DEMOCRATIC RALLY

### Jennings and Sparkman Address Our People

## OTHER SPEAKERS PRESENT

### Lunch Served at Armory After the Meeting Adjourned.

On the arrival of the special train from Apalachicola Friday night, which brought in the joint campaign party, they were met at the depot by the following gentlemen: J. B. Whitfield, G. W. Walker, George Perkins, Julius Ball, Joseph A. Edmondson and W. F. Quail, who took the party in carriages to the Leon Hotel, where supper was waiting for them.

The campaign party consisted of Hon. W. S. Jennings, Hon. S. M. Sparkman, Hon. J. Emmet Wolfe, Hon. C. H. B. Floyd, Hon. J. C. P. Biggs, Dr. J. T. Boykin, J. W. Duval, George F. Armstrong, George W. Hinesy, W. C. Edwards and Major E. W. Peabody, representing the Times-Union and Citizen.

Hon. S. R. Mallory, United States Senator, who came in from Pensacola on Friday's mail train, joined the party here.

Mrs. W. S. Jennings and Master Bryan Jennings arrived on the train from Jacksonville. She was met at the depot by ladies and escorted to the Leon.

The whole party was quartered at the Leon, where many persons called during the evening to pay their respects to Florida's distinguished Democrats.

The meeting next day was presided over by Hon. Geo. P. Raney, who at 11 a. m. promptly arose and said "We have assembled here today to meet the nominees of the Democratic party, and other distinguished gentlemen. It is my pleasure to introduce to you the next Governor of Florida, Judge W. S. Jennings." Judge Jennings was received with a great deal of applause.

He made a short speech of about twenty minutes duration, dwelling particularly on State matters, and in closing spoke very feelingly of the death of Governor Drew. He said he hoped that at the end of his own administration he would merit the same love and respect as was accorded that distinguished gentleman.

The next speaker, Hon. S. R. Mallory, needed, as Judge Raney said, no introduction to a Tallahassee audience. Mr. Mallory spoke mainly on national issues, dealing with the trust issue as exemplified by the sugar and tobacco trust, and in this connection showed how those two gigantic trusts had completely changed McKinley's policy in regard to Porto Rico. Continuing Mr. Mallory spoke of how the Armor Plate trust compelled the government to pay their own price for armor plate, charging our government \$500 per ton for the same armor they furnished the Russian government at \$240 per ton. Mr. Mallory was closely and attentively listened to and was frequently applauded.

The next speaker introduced by Judge Raney was Mr. C. H. B. Floyd, of Apalachicola, who was a Florida volunteer to fight his country's battles during the Spanish-American war, and who is the son of a man who at the age of fourteen years had joined the Confederate army and fought through the war in Virginia.

Mr. Floyd said: "I am proud to be introduced to such an intelligent audience, by so distinguished a gentleman, as your chairman. I am also proud to be the son of a Southern soldier. The Declaration of Independence was written by a Southern man—the commander of the Revolutionary army, and our first President of the United States was a Southerner, and we have never had occasion to be ashamed of either." Continuing, Mr. Floyd drew a comparison between President McKinley and Mr. Bryan, showing how the one was an opportunist, with his ear continually on the ground, listening to catch the trend of public sentiment—while Mr. Bryan, being governed by principles as eternal as the heavens, needed no mentor; did not have to consult the people; being one of them, was with them and of them. Mr. Floyd's speech was well received and was accorded much applause at its conclusion.

The next speaker introduced was the Hon. S. M. Sparkman. He spoke on national issues entirely; showed how the Republicans are trying to

make the money issue again the paramount issue of the campaign, but now, the people, he said would not be fooled in any such manner. On the contrary, insisted on having the expansion and imperialistic policy of the administration brought forward and discussed. The speaker drew a comparison between the expansion of our country as made by Jefferson in the Louisiana purchase, showing how the one being contiguous territory was at once made into three or four States and territories, which could not be done with the territory that McKinley is trying to annex, people as it is by so many millions of unwilling subjects. Mr. Sparkman received frequent applause during his short address.

After the speaking Judge Raney announced that there would be given a public dinner at the armory, to which all present were cordially invited. At the armory was found a splendid collation, prepared under the direction of Mrs. Spears. Coffee, sandwiches, cakes and ices were served, and were much enjoyed by those partaking.

The Elipio band furnished music for the occasion.

Altogether Saturday was a red-letter day for Leon Democrats and was much enjoyed.

### Died Tuesday

After a long and lingering illness Miss Mattie McKinnon died Tuesday morning about 10 a. m. The deceased was the daughter of Mr. Robert McKinnon who moved here from Thomasville last fall. Death was not unexpected, as after a serious illness of typhoid fever she had partially recovered, when she suffered a relapse, which, in her weakened condition, she could not withstand.

Miss McKinnon was just budding into young womanhood, being about fifteen years of age, and had made many friends among her school companions during the past year, all of whom will grieve for and miss their lovely school mate during the present scholastic year.

Her remains were taken by the east bound train to Thomasville for burial. The bereaved parents have the sympathy of the entire community in their great sorrow.

### The Capital City Club.

The Capital City Club was called together Monday evening for the purpose of reorganizing for the season of 1900. On assembling there were found to be three vacancies, which were filled by electing the following new members: Gilman Winthrop, T. H. Randolph, Jr., and R. W. Williams, Jr. Among the original members of the club are the following prominent young society leaders of the city: A. H. Williams, S. W. Myers, Edwin Barnes, J. A. Edmondson, J. Earle Perkins, L. M. Lively, W. L. Wight and others.

The club is organized for dancing, and will begin the season. Thanksgiving day, giving a dance every other week until Lent begins in 1901.

Fifteen young married couples of the city have been made honorary members of the club, and an orchestra has been engaged for the winter.

### Spain's Greatest Need.

Mr. R. P. Oliva, of Barcelona, Spain, spends his winters at Aiken, S. C. Weak nerves had caused severe pains in the back of his head. On using Electric Bitters, America's greatest Blood and Nerve Remedy, all pain soon left him. He says this grand medicine is what his country needs. All America knows that it cures liver and kidney troubles, purifies the blood, tones up the stomach, strengthens the nerves, puts vim, vigor and new life into every muscle, nerve and organ of the body. If weak, tired or ailing you need it. Every bottle guaranteed, only 50 cents. Sold by all druggists.

### Nuts for Them to Crack.

We wish to ask the Jacksonville "Movers" a few questions.

If Tallahassee is so hard to get to, why are so many anxious to go there?

What kind of a building can be erected for \$100,000?

Has there ever been a disastrous fire in Jacksonville?

Did the office-holders in Tallahassee fit up the basement they now occupy? (Mr. McNamee says the State has never spent a cent on the Capitol.)

Are the present State officers satisfied? We haven't heard of their taking part in this campaign.

Has Jacksonville the finest police in the country when four miles of wire can be stolen from the poles or a schooner from the dock?—Polk County News.

## SPEECH OF HON. FRED. MYERS.

### He Speaks on the Capital Removal Question in Favor of Tallahassee.

On last Friday evening, the public was addressed in the court house by Hon. Fred. Myers. Mr. Myers came to Bartow on the invitation of the Young Men's Democratic Club. The subject given to him for discussion was the Capital removal. Tallahassee being his home, and he having represented his county both in the House of Representatives and the Senate for many years, his full knowledge of the conditions of the present State House, all past legislation looking to its removal, repairs, enlargement, and all other matters bearing on the general question, made him a most instructive and interesting speaker. As so much had been so recently said derogatory to the uses and respectability of the State House, its apartments and furniture, the people were eager to hear Mr. Myers.

He was introduced by Prof. Cox, a friend of long standing, at the request of Judge Boswell, one of the vice-presidents of the Club. Prof. Cox made a neat and very complimentary little address in presenting the honorable gentleman, which even had nothing else been known of him by the people of Bartow, would have placed the speaker and hearer in the best possible relations to each other.

Not for a moment did this favorable impression of the speaker's candor and honesty of purpose change in the minds of his hearers. His manner was calm and dignified throughout.

He gave a running history of all the efforts that have been made to remove the Capital. To some of it it was news; that the first efforts in this direction began as far back as in the seventies. It has had its removal spasms ever since. Some times the effort met with more favor and sometimes with less. Once, I believe, it failed because the governor at the time vetoed the bill. Through all these efforts at removal, the speaker stated, that the motion to remove came from some county whose chief town wanted to be the Capital. This is a significant fact, and to be weighed by every one before voting time.

Mr. Myers sets at rest the charges against the insecurity and insufficiency of the present building. The foundations are four feet thick, and carried up according to the ideas of strength then prevalent with national architects. The work was all done under the eye of General Andrew Jackson. Every timber in it was the best of heart, either oak or pine, and is as sound today as it was sixty or seventy years ago.

While the space is not excessive in every room, it has served the purpose a long time, and is not more contracted now than it has been in the good years that are past.

Mr. Myers presented the matter of increased tax for the building of a new Capitol in a way that was likely to impress all with the insidious character of taxes. They are like debts, in the mouth of the cries, "It is naught, it is naught" saith he. But when the bargain is struck, and the cry comes up, "It is the price of blood!" the high priest saith, "What is that to us? See thou to that." Taxes are never counted only as fractions. It is never one per cent.—it is only 7-8 and 3-4 and 2-18, etc., etc.—just little bits of money that nobody can feel, or comprehend until the tax collector applies all the fractions to your property, completes his column and adds: Then you can both comprehend it and feel it.

Mr. Myers had a full house, a perfect array of ladies being present. At many points, hearty applause was given, not only to the sentiment expressed, but to the delicacy of the language in which it appeared.

The same quartette that had furnished music on Thursday, favored us with it again Friday night. We are sure all are obliged to the Club for the speaking they are having in public for the benefit and enjoyment of all.—Bartow Courier Informant.

### Senator Myers Speaks for Tallahassee.

Hon. Fred. T. Myers, State Senator from Leon county, accompanied by Mr. T. L. Wilson, of Bartow, arrived here on the Belle of Myers on Monday, and, it having been announced, that Senator Myers would address the people on the Capital removal question, at the court house, a good sized audience gathered there, including many ladies, to listen to Tallahassee's eloquent advocate. Senator Myers was introduced by Mayor Jeffcott, and began his argument by showing that there had been

no demand from the people for a change of location for the State Capital. He gave a review of the attempts made in the Legislature to select another city for the Capital of the State, telling of the failure of each attempt, until the present movement was sprung in the State convention in Jacksonville. After showing that he was competent to judge of the condition of the State Capital by stating that he was born within a block of the Capitol and had been a member of the Senate for twelve years, he gave a description of the building, claiming that it was still in an excellent condition and that all that was needed was an addition to accommodate the increased business of the State, for which purpose he had endeavored to secure the passage of a bill through the last Legislature appropriating \$50,000, but the bill was defeated by the promoters of the plan to remove the Capital to Jacksonville.

He figured that it would require the State to issue bonds for \$1,000,000 to build a new Capitol, and that another million dollars would have to be paid out in interest on this sum during the thirty years the bonds would likely be outstanding. Another point he made was to cite the location of Capitals in other States showing that in the majority of cases the Capitals are located in inland towns and not usually in the commercial capital of the State. This he showed the danger of epidemics occurring in sea coast towns, dangers of war to cities located on the coast, etc. His speech was well received by the audience and liberal applause at times showed that many agreed with his views.—Fort Myers Press.

### No Rights to Capital.

The Kissimmee Valley Gazette, of the 14th instant, gives a half column of its editorial to the Capital removal question. The contents of the article is, first: a criticism of the methods it says Tallahassee is using against Jacksonville to retain the Capital, and, second, an endorsement of Jacksonville as the place to which the Capital should be removed.

While we concede to all men the right to their own opinions, in a matter that is as serious as changing the seat of government, and the imposition of increased taxation on the whole State by such removal, the right is equally as inherent in every man affected thereby, to question the soundness of any position taken that is not self evident, or the correctness of declarations made in discussion.

In order that our readers may see the relevancy of the inquiry to follow, the portion of the article that prompts the inquiry, is first printed: "The Capital would not add very much to Jacksonville's prosperity and dignity; but removal would mean anamia to Tallahassee. If there be any selfishness in the campaign it is shown by Tallahassee in hanging on to something that the Legislature and the Democratic party have virtually said she ought not to keep any longer, something that the people will take away from her at the polls in November to give to Jacksonville, the rightful claimant."

The last sentence is all we care to call attention to. When have the Legislature and the Democratic party virtually said Tallahassee ought not to keep the State Capital any longer, and that it would be taken from her at the polls in November?

The effort in the Legislature failed, and left it with her. That effort at removal was not the voice of the people at all. No more was the action, the voice of the people, of the Jacksonville convention. In the selection of delegates to that convention, the question of removal did not enter as a consideration. The removal of the seat of government had not been presented to the people, and the delegates were elected without reference to what might be their views as to this question. It was sprung on the convention, when it was seen that member's tongues were tied by reason of the nominations that were yet to be made after the matter of Capital removal had been fastened into the platform.

But, the last three or four words of the quoted sentence are as strange as the others are incorrect. The writer not only declares that the people will take the Capital from Tallahassee in November, but that they will give it to Jacksonville, "the rightful claimant." Is Jacksonville "the rightful claimant?" A right is a sacred thing. Where a right exists, no other can have a right to interfere with it. Rights cannot conflict. If the right is mine, it cannot be yours. But,

who conferred this right on Jacksonville? Does the fact that she wants it confer the right? Then, we should have as many rights as we have candidates in this case. Does her larger population give her this right? If so she has an equally good right to anything else she may want in the State. Jacksonville would not venture to advance such a claim on her own behalf.

Tallahassee is not only fighting her own battle in her efforts to remain the seat of government, but the battle of the whole State. It may be incidental; but it is not the less a fact. The vote cast for Tallahassee is a vote cast for light taxes; whereas, a vote cast for any one of the other candidates, is a vote cast for heavy taxes, not for a year or two, but for the present, and most likely, distant generations.—Bartow Courier-Informant.

### Capital Removal.

For the welfare of the people the News does not advocate Capital Removal. It will cost more than the people can afford. It will be a very costly experiment when there is no necessity for it.

It will cost not less than a million dollars to change Capitals and build a new Capitol.

The News issues a supplement herewith which shows plainly that there is no dilapidation, no ruin, no old tumble-down shack of a house in Tallahassee.

Nobody need be ashamed of our present Capitol. Look at it. The photograph shows it as it is.

Many readers of the News never saw the Capitol at Tallahassee, and this photographic reproduction is sent, in supplemental form, with this issue to give correct information as to the appearance, size, proportions and style of the present Capitol.

If Florida were a densely populated and wealthy State and out of debt and had a million or so of dollars in the treasury, the News could have little objection to the building of a larger and more modern Capitol, but none of these conditions are present now and the present Capitol is all sufficient for several years to come.

If, however, the people of Florida see fit to move the Capital and build a new Capitol, the News advocates the claims of St. Augustine as the city of its choice for the Capital of the State.—Rockledge and Cocoa News.

### A Neighbor's Evidence.

Fernandina is "next door" to Jacksonville and, presumably, would derive almost as much benefit, as that city from the location of the Capital there, yet the Mirror disinterestedly opposes removal in the interest of the people at large. One of its many excellent illustrations is the following:

"It is a question of vital interest to every tax-payer and should not be passed upon without due consideration. If you are taxed one dollar now on the present bonded indebtedness you will be required to pay two dollars on the bonded indebtedness after a new Capital shall have been built. The idea of removing the Capital did not originate among the masses of intelligent tax-payers, as they would not be in favor of abandoning and destroying valuable buildings that already belong to them in order to buy a million-dollar luxury on credit, when one year's interest on this million-dollar loan, would add all the necessary accommodations needed to their present building for the next ten years."—Quincy Herald.

### A Big Job Sure Enough.

If some other place than Tallahassee is chosen, the next Legislature will have to pass an amendment to the Constitution by a three-fifths vote, submitting the question of removal to the people; this amendment will be voted on at the general election of 1902. If it is decided to submit the question of location at the same time it will be necessary for one of the places to get a majority of the legal votes cast. If, on the other hand, it is determined to revise the Constitution, then the Legislature of 1901 will be required by a vote of two-thirds of all the members to pass such resolution, the action of the Legislature will then have to be submitted to the people for ratification or rejection.

From the above it is plain to see that it is no small undertaking to move the State Capital. It takes time, money, patience and votes to do the trick.—Brooksville News-Register.

## A RAILROAD COMING

### Georgia Pine People Have Agreed to Build

## FROM BAINBRIDGE, GEORGIA

### Work is to be Commenced on the New Line at Once.

The prospects are now bright for the immediate construction of the Georgia Pine Railroad from Bainbridge, Ga., to this city. In fact our proposition has been accepted by the stockholders of that line, and the understanding is that work will commence in a short time.

Tallahassee's proposition was to give them \$10,000 in cash, as a bonus, the terminal grounds here and the right of way to the northern boundary of Leon county. A telegram came a few days ago announcing the acceptance of this proposition.

Dr. W. L. Moore, who has had the matter in charge, went to Savannah last week, en route to New York, but on account of sickness had to abandon the trip and go to his brother's to recuperate. The above amount has been subscribed (or very near all of it) and as soon as he reaches home and collects the money, places it in bank and notifies the company, actual work will be commenced, according to present information.

### County Commissioners.

At a called meeting of the Board held Monday, 22d September, 1900, there were present L. C. Yaeager, Chairman, M. H. Johnson and E. C. Smith. The following resolution was passed:

Whereas, At the regular meeting held on the first Monday, the 3d day of September, 1900, Sam McGee, Sandy Frances and Henry Williams, filed their accounts each for the sum of two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50) for working on the public roads of Leon county; and

Whereas, In the confusion, resulting from the filing of a large number of accounts against the county on the day of the meeting of the Board, the illegality of the accounts were overlooked, and said accounts were passed and ordered paid by the Board and said Sam McGee having received for and obtained the warrant drawn in his favor and received the money therefor from the County Treasurer. It is ordered that Sam McGee refund said money, or upon failure or refusal to do so, the overseer of said road is ordered to work said Sam McGee upon the public roads of said Leon county the time he has been paid for and upon the failure of said Sam McGee to perform said work to report him to the nearest Justice of the Peace, as a defaulting road hand, and upon failure of such Justice to perform his duty in the premises the said overseer shall make report to this Board in full of the acts and doings of said Justice. It is further ordered that the warrants drawn in favor of Sandy Frances and Henry Williams, now in the possession of the county auditor be cancelled, and are hereby declared void and of no effect.

### Target Practice.

On last Thursday, the 27th ult., the Governor's Guards had their regular fall target practice. A squad of eighteen members of the Guards under the immediate command of Second Lieut. Dickey took part. The range was at 100 yards, each man having five shots with a possible score of 25. The three best scores made were: Private McQueen 21, Private J. W. Saxton 19 and Sergeant W. H. Markham 18. They were to have shot over the 300 yards range but were prevented by night coming on. Second Lieut. Dickey hopes to shoot off the 300 yards range on Thanksgiving Day.

### King's Daughters.

The regular monthly meeting of the King's Daughters will be held at the residence of Mr. W. R. Wilson on Friday afternoon, October 5th, at half-past four o'clock.

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