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## A FARMER'S OPINION

### On the Removal of the State Capital.

#### SAYS IT WILL COST \$3,000,000

##### Claims that it will be a Burden on Our Grandchildren.

The following letter written to a gentleman in this city presents the Capital removal from a new standpoint, but we must confess that there is a great deal of truth in the arguments he advances:

Houston, Fla., Oct. 7, 1900.

Dear Sir—In reply to yours of the 25th, just received, and every line carefully noted. I am proud to state that I feel sure that the Capital is safe where it is, so far as this country is concerned. I have considered the matter in all its features, and have figured it out like this. That to move the Capital is to entail a bonded debt upon the poor people of Florida of \$3,000,000. That it's a money loaning scheme by a few monied sharks of Jacksonville, St. Augustine, or other South Florida sharpers, who are anxious to get a hold upon the State, in disguise, by saying the Capital should be moved, and they are willing to furnish a small per cent. of the expense in order to loan the State the balance. I make it \$3,000,000 this way: Those who are wanting to move the Capital, fix their figures at \$1,000,000, with interest, and by the time it could be paid, together with the present indebtedness, it will cost the State three times the principal. Now we have fair example of this statement in our county, to-wit: Only a few years ago, one of Hamilton county's money sharks proposed to the commissioners of that county to loan them money with which to build a new court house and jail, at 10 per cent. interest, and ten years to pay it. The commissioners bit at the bait, and bonded the county for \$17,000, which placed the county on a scrip basis. The scrip is worth only 50 cent in the dollar. Now, at the expiration of ten years, that property will have cost the people of that county \$34,000, and how much longer that interest will run is yet to be seen. It may cost \$51,000. School teachers get 50 cents in the dollar for their labor. This is the condition the State could be put in by inconsistent voting. Now to the voters of Florida, when you consider this matter in its just merits you will not vote for removal. It would put a burden upon your grandchildren, and probably, your great grandchildren. In the second place, if it could or should be moved to Jacksonville it would only benefit a few monied individuals, and it would always be subject to some contagious disease, such as yellow fever, or something like it.

The TALLAHASSEEAN may publish this, if desirable, as this is the consideration of a farmer, who had no advantages of an education, and has had to work at hard labor all the days of my life, but when such things come before me, I always give it thoughtful consideration. It would put the State in the same condition the war between the States did, and we have no more lands to give away, with which to liquidate this enormous and would-be unnecessary expense.

With grateful hopes and best wishes, I am very truly yours,  
GEO. W. MILLS.

Board of County Commissioners.

The regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners was held on Monday, October 1, 1900. The following members were present: L. C. Yaeger, chairman, E. C. Smith, W. J. Johnson, L. A. Roberts and M. H. Johnson. The minutes of the former meeting were read and approved. The following accounts were examined, approved and ordered paid:

Mary Davis, county poor.....\$5 00  
Mary Coleman, county poor..... 5 00  
E. D. Rhodes, county poor..... 5 00  
Jas. Bond, county poor..... 3 00  
Henry Tuten, county poor..... 3 00  
Mary Williams, county poor..... 1 50  
Laurence Powell, county poor..... 3 00  
R. C. Herring, county poor..... 2 50  
Becky Ward, county poor..... 1 50  
Sam Johnson, county poor..... 1 50  
Ellen Everett, county poor..... 1 50  
Matthew Custis, county poor..... 5 00  
Jane Johnson, county poor..... 5 00  
Soloman Smith, county poor..... 1 50  
Mary Stephens, county poor..... 5 00  
Rebecca Reagan, county poor..... 5 00  
Sarah Ann Walker, county poor..... 1 50  
Richard Carpenter, county poor..... 2 00  
Sarah Sampson, county poor..... 3 00  
Joe Smith, county poor..... 1 50  
Martha Carroll, county poor..... 2 50  
Dillie Spears, county poor..... 3 00  
Starling Hunter, county poor..... 1 50

Mary Hartsfield, county poor..... 2 50  
Hannah Willis, county poor..... 4 00  
Rachel Wilson, county poor..... 1 00  
Elizabeth McFall, county poor..... 1 00  
Melinda Cason, county poor..... 1 50  
Violet Jackson, county poor..... 1 50  
Wilson Winfrey, county poor..... 1 50  
T. J. Hays, county poor..... 1 50  
A. J. Holm, county poor..... 1 50  
C. A. Bryan, county auditor..... 50 00  
Geo. W. Hale, janitor court house..... 20 00  
Tallahassee Lumber Co., (rent of armory)..... 30 00  
R. A. Whitfield, coroner's fees..... 6 20  
J. D. Perkins, juror and witness costs coroner's jurors..... 7 30  
R. A. Whitfield, report licenses..... 1 20  
R. A. Whitfield, fees lunacy case..... 2 00  
E. E. Philbrick, fees lunacy case..... 2 00  
W. T. Damon, fees lunacy case committee..... 1 00  
C. Hopkins, fees lunacy case committee..... 1 00  
L. C. Yaeger, merchandise for county..... 63 55  
L. C. Yaeger, road implements, etc..... 54 89  
John A. Craig, work on public roads..... 12 00  
P. L. Boatright, work on public roads..... 45 00  
J. N. Saunders, work on public roads..... 22 50  
Willie Grambling, work on public roads..... 7 50  
E. F. Jones, work on public roads..... 10 50  
T. McCall, work on public roads..... 1 50  
H. T. Felkel, commissions, Tax Assessor..... 375 87  
W. A. Demilly, commissions, Tax Assessor..... 625 54  
J. Spu Duncan, coffin, etc., paupers..... 17 00  
J. I. Fountain, justice peace fees..... 2 00  
R. A. Whitfield, County Judge fees..... 22 11  
J. A. Pearce, Sheriff fees..... 61 15  
J. A. Pearce, feed prisoners..... 166 60  
T. L. Coe, Constable fees..... 6 70  
A. J. Fish, erecting scaffold..... 17 50  
J. G. Collins, stationery..... 4 09  
H. W. B. Drew, criminal dockets..... 11 65  
Jno. D. Perkins, commissions County Treasurer..... 62 01  
Geo. W. Hale, new lock and repair on lock..... 75  
J. A. Pearce, fees lunacy and Coroner's inquest..... 9 60  
Tallahassee Drug Co., drugs prisoners..... 2 90  
J. B. Switzer, work on public roads..... 10 50  
C. D. Johnson, work on public roads..... 12 50  
L. R. Seabrook, work on public roads..... 25 00  
E. C. Smith, work on public roads..... 16 00  
G. H. Averett, work on public roads..... 43 75  
S. P. Chaires, work on public roads..... 30 27  
J. G. Chaires, work on public roads..... 11 50  
G. E. Johnson, work on public roads..... 13 50  
F. E. Cray, work on public roads..... 12 00  
C. A. Bryan, freight on docket, etc..... 1 85  
C. C. Moore, work on public roads..... 13 50

Weekly Tallahasseean, roads (summons)..... 13 50  
R. A. Whitfield, witness fees..... 5 50  
J. T. Carmine, work on public roads..... 7 50  
L. C. Crump, work on public roads..... 1 00  
C. P. Davis, work on public roads..... 9 00  
Jas. Holland, work on public roads..... 5 00

It was ordered that the following named electors be and are hereby appointed as inspectors and clerks of the election to be held on Tuesday, the 6th day of November, A. D. 1900, and for the several districts named.

(The list of inspectors and clerks appears in another column.—Editor.)

The application of Abbey Sneed to sell liquors, wines and beer in Precinct No. 13 having been duly filed with the Board of County Commissioners, at their regular meeting in September, and the Board having given public notice in the Weekly TALLAHASSEEAN, a newspaper published in Precinct No. 13, Leon county, Fla., in obedience to the requirements of Section 2, Chapter 4147, Laws of Florida, which application being accompanied by the necessary affidavits as to the character of the applicant, and the said applicant having paid the cost of said application, and having, in all other respects, complied with the law governing the issuing of such permits, it is ordered that a permit to obtain a license for the sale of liquors, wines and beer do issue to said Abbey Sneed.

It is hereby ordered by the Board that the Clerk notify Marshall B. Courtney to appear before the Board on the first Monday in November, to answer certain charges brought against him as road overseer by R. W. Green and others.

It is ordered by the Board that the Clerk notify E. B. Manning to appear before the Board on the first Monday in November, to answer certain charges brought against him as Justice of the Peace by R. W. Green and others.

West Florida Seminary.

With a faculty unsurpassed by any in the State and a large number of bright and earnest students waiting to be enrolled and eager for the year's work to begin; certainly, the West Florida Seminary opens its doors for the sessions of 1900-01, under the most favorable auspices. One hundred and eight students have already been enrolled and several more are at present prevented, because of sickness, from doing so. The Seminary offers its students this year a collegiate department, first class in every respect. Under Prof. Jno. C. Calhoun, a graduate of Berlin and Strasburg, and for the last two years a resident in Germany, the students has a most excellent opportunity to acquire an accurate knowl-

edge of the German, French and Spanish languages. Prof. W. B. Long, gives them a course in Economic Latin, etc., and Prof. D'Aarcy Parkam English, Ethics, and Psychology. While at the head of the Scientific Department is one of the most enlightened scientists of the United States, Professor H. Elmer Bierley, a member of many great scientific organizations of Harvard, Princeton and the University of Chicago. He is author of several scientific treatises, which have been recognized as displaying profound thought.

History is taught by Miss Louise Miller, of South Carolina, and Mathematics by Professor A. A. Murphee, the President, and head of the faculty, and who has been so successful, in the past, in arousing the ambitions of the students under his charge. The whole State, and especially the counties west of the Suwannee, are to be congratulated on having a college of so high a standing, in their midst, at which the youth of both sexes can receive so thorough an education.

A Negro Dangerously Cut.

Cooper Robinson, a negro living near Lake Lanonia, was assaulted last Sunday and dangerously cut by another negro, by the name of Cason. Robinson was on his way home from church, when he stopped and got down from his buggy to speak to a neighbor, when Cason coming up, without any provocation, assaulted him, and before Robinson knew his intention, had cut him twice. One cut was about two inches long in the throat, and narrowly missed the jugular vein, another, on the shoulder and a third, was from the shoulder down the arm to elbow. The wounded man was at first not expected to live, but we learn that there now is some hope of his recovery. Cason was arrested and is trying to procure a bond.

Georgia Pine Railroad Ready to Begin Work.

Dr. W. L. Moor leaves tomorrow for Bainbridge, where he will meet the promoters of the Georgia Pine Railroad. He asks that all those who subscribed to this enterprise be ready to pay their subscriptions on his return, when he will call for them. Work on the road will be begun as soon as the money is paid over, and will be pushed to an early completion.

Hon. Fred. T. Myers.

So fair a man and consistent a Democrat as Fred. Myers can not hurt the cause of truth, even if he tried. Let him and his be welcomed with flowers and the smiles of ladies and the cheers of men wherever they lift their voices in Florida.—Times-Union and Citizen.

A Difference in Statement.

The Jacksonville Capital Removal Association last week sent out circular letters all over the State which contained the following statement:

"There is in Jacksonville today an office building seven stories in height, including the basement, and 105 feet square. This building is of a very handsome exterior, fireproof, thoroughly equipped with electric lights, bells and speaking tubes, as well as elevators and every other appliance for safety and convenience. The structure contains 77,875 feet of floor space and its total cost was less than \$75,000."

The building referred to is the Gardner building. Just as the building was completed the owner of it, Mr. Gardner, showed the Index editor over a great portion of it and in answer to the question as to its cost; Mr. Gardner replied: "It cost a lot of money, a lot of money; it cost over \$100,000."

This is the statement of the man who had it built, who paid for it, and now owns it.

Such reckless and untruthful statements from the Jacksonville Capital removalers show the desperate straits to which they are reduced in their efforts to delude the people, and it further shows the class of politicians who would "rule the roost" in State politics were the Capital located in Jacksonville.—Lake City Index.

P. P. P. Lippman's Great Remedy.

Is the greatest blood purifier in the world; superior to all sarsaparillas, for the cure of Scrofula in its worst forms, Goitre, Hip Disease, Swelled Neck, Running Sores and Sores in the Eyes.

P. P. P. makes a sure and permanent cure.

Miss Ida Hastings, Savannah, Ga., says she was suffering all the torture of a terrible case of scrofula, and no relief could be obtained until P. P. P., Lippman's Great Remedy, was tried; the result was a complete cure.

Sold by all druggists.

Press Comments on Hon. Fred. T. Myers' Speech in Behalf of Tallahassee.

A large and intelligent audience of ladies and gentlemen from Bradenton, Manatee and Palmetto arrived on Friday night to hear the Hon. Fred. T. Myers advocate the cause of Tallahassee for retention as the Capital of the State.

The speaker being a native of Tallahassee, has always taken a deep interest in the question of Capital removal whenever raised, and was consequently posted on all efforts heretofore made on this line, and devoted his opening remarks to giving a history of these, bringing his audience up to the present one, the origin of which he credits to Jacksonville, or rather to certain ambitious citizens of that city; and not to a demand of the people of the State, as these interested ones have undertaken to declare.

He was especially clear in stating the facts connected with the agitation of the question at the last session of the Legislature, together with its defeat; and also his effort after its defeat to authorize the bonding of Leon county to meet the expense of certain enlargements and improvements considered necessary, and how this proposition was talked to death by these same interested parties so as to keep the question open. He also made plain to the audience some of the conditions which prevailed at our recent State Convention. How Duval county, with its big delegation, made Capital removal the paramount issue and traded for support and influence in securing planks in the platform forcing the question into the State campaign by making it a party measure.

He next took up the question of expense to the tax-payers in the event of removal, and showed how it might be made a great burden to not only the present but future generations, and dwelt on the great folly of abandoning the present building which is one of the most substantial in the State and which would become valueless to the State the moment it was abandoned.

He also touched on Jacksonville's offer to put up \$100,000 toward the expense of building a new capitol and showed that there was nothing binding in the proposition and consequently that it would not be adhered to after the people had voted to locate the capital in that city.

Mr. Myers made no attempt at oratory but devoted himself to a plain statement of facts viewed from a business standpoint, and we are sure made a good impression in behalf of the cause which he advocated.—Manatee River Journal News.

The People's Party Nominations.

The People's Party of Florida has certified the following nominations to Secretary of State Crawford:

For Presidential Electors—Thos. N. Bell, M. G. Carleton, W. J. Folks and W. A. Weeks.

For Governor—A. M. Morton, of Hernando county.

The Paramount Issue in Florida.

The people of Florida do not seem to be thinking a great deal about the question of imperialism, or of free silver, or of trusts or of any one of the other questions, set forth in the platforms of the political parties. They are thinking and talking about the question of removing the Capital from Tallahassee to Jacksonville, Ocala, Gainesville or St. Augustine. That is the paramount question in Florida.

Thus decides the Savannah News, but that excellent paper has evidently formed its opinion from the source of information nearest hand—Jacksonville—and mistaken the froth for the solid.

As a whole the people of the State are apathetic on the subject. The exceptions are, some of the residents of the towns desiring the Capitol, and many of those citizens are non-tax-payers, whose enthusiasm is in ratio with the money they are now getting or the benefits they expect to receive should their candidate meet with success.

The great majority are silent. Their speech will be loud and boisterous, however, on election day, as they vote for Tallahassee.

The News remarks further, with truth and common sense:

Every one of the places mentioned is ambitious to be the Capital of the State. If there were only one place that wanted to get the Capital away from Tallahassee, the chances of the State getting a new Capital would be very much better than it is. The way it looks now, however, is that the people who favor letting the Capital remain where it is outnumber

those who favor any one of the other places—at least they are sufficiently numerous to prevent either of the other places from getting a majority of all the votes cast.

The strongest argument against the removal of the Capital at this time is the expense. The cost of a modern Capitol building and a Governor's residence would be more than a million dollars. The cost, probably, would be two millions before the buildings were completed and finished, because it would be said that that as the Capitol would be expected to last a century or more, it would be folly to put up a small and cheap building that would not be much more satisfactory than the present structure.

It is a question whether the people of Florida are ready to more than double their present debt at this time. They are only just recovering from the effects of the great freeze. They are in no condition, yet to bear additional taxation. Ten years from now, when the orange groves have fully recovered and a very much greater per centage of the land has been brought under cultivation, when, in fact, the taxable wealth of the State has become double what it is now, the people will feel much more like taxing themselves for a new Capitol.

It is true that the present State House is not a very attractive one, and its accommodations for the Legislature, so far as committee rooms are concerned, are meagre, but Florida's laws compare favorably with those States which have State Houses that cost many millions of dollars, and have every modern convenience. Good men, rather than elegant buildings are necessary to the making of good laws.

For the sake of argument, admitting that the present building is offensive to an aesthetic and cultivated mind, is the structure not only a beautiful, but an inspiring work of art when the vision is confronted with the ugly spectre of a \$2,000,000 indebtedness?—Key West Inter-Ocean.

Jacksonville's Proposition.

The city council of Jacksonville met last week and "resolved" Jacksonville "squarely in the race" as a candidate for the State Capital.

They also propose to issue \$100,000 of bonds towards the erection of a new Capitol building and present them to the State for that purpose.

There are only a few things that are wrong in its "resolving" maneuvers:

First—Jacksonville has no lawful authority to issue bonds for any such purpose, hence, her offer to do so is in defiance of law and is a proposition to do an unlawful act.

Second—If it were lawful for Jacksonville to issue \$100,000 worth of bonds for the purpose of building a Capitol in that city, then she doesn't offer enough, for St. Augustine has made a similar offer of \$250,000 for the Capital to be removed there. So if the Capital is to be removed, it would be \$150,000 in the pockets of the tax-payers of the State to locate it at St. Augustine.

Third—The Jacksonville Capital Association in a card to the public estimates that it will cost \$1,899,999.99 to move the Capital to Jacksonville and erect a suitable building there. Now, for that city to seriously propose that if the tax-payers of this State will burden themselves with this enormous debt, for the sole benefit of a few of her politicians, she will contribute the paltry sum of \$100,000, shows conclusively that those who make the proposition are afflicted with enlargement of the gall bladder in its worst form, and they are fit for granted that the taxpayers are fools.—Lake City Index.

Bismarck's Iron Nerve.

was the result of his splendid health. Incomparable will and tremendous energy are not found where Sarsaparilla, Laver, Knepps and Dowsels are out of order. If you want these qualities and the success they bring, use Dr. King's New Life Pills. They develop every power of brain and body. Only 25 cents at any drug store.

The Farmers Are in the Saddle.

For the first time in years the cotton farmer, within reach of a Roundlap bale plant finds himself independent of compress and bagging and tie men, who have grown rich out of the monopoly they have enjoyed of covering and compressing his cotton.

Besides enabling him to sell his cotton in Roundlap bales at a premium which, after paying the baling charge, leaves him a handsome profit, the competition, aroused by the presence of a round bale plant, compels square bale buyers to advance their limits. How much of the higher prices paid last fall was due to this competition patrons of Roundlap plants know.

## CITY WINS THE SUIT

### Supreme Court Affirms Decision of the Lower Court.

#### ELECTRIC LIGHT QUESTION

##### Finally Settled, and Work on Plant will be Commenced Immediately.

Just as we go to press we learn that the Supreme Court has handed down its decision in the city electric light case, affirming the judgment of the lower court.

It will be remembered that after the city voted to issue bonds to put in an electric light plant that the Capital City Light and Fuel Company filed a bill before the Circuit Court and asked that court to issue an injunction prohibiting the city from putting in the plant. The Circuit Court dismissed the complainant's bill and refused the injunction. On which the gas company appealed to the Supreme Court. Yesterday afternoon the court affirmed the decision of the lower court.

A Base Insinuation.

The Ocala Banner says Ocala is going to get the vote of Nassau county on the question of Capital removal. Should Nassau get into trouble her first appeal would be to Jacksonville. The Banner may be mistaken, as a few men of Fernandina, who have always fought Jacksonville, owing to their jealousy of our prosperity, don't constitute all of the voters of Nassau county. One of Fernandina's citizens said in Jacksonville recently: "We are going to vote for Tallahassee, just to keep Jacksonville from winning—not that we are particularly opposed to removal, but we don't want Jacksonville to get anything."

In the above paragraph, from the Jacksonville Metropolis, is contained charges against this community which are unworthy of a first-class journal, to say the least, unless the insinuations were supported by facts.

"Should Nassau get into trouble her first appeal would be to Jacksonville." The Metropolis probably refers to the time that some of our citizens were dragged before the United States Court on trumped-up political charges in 1888, and several lawyers of that city volunteered their services for their defense, for which our people have on many occasions expressed their appreciation. Now what more is necessary for us to do, in order not to be continually reminded that we owe a debt of gratitude to Jacksonville. "A few men who have always fought Jacksonville (owing to their jealousy of our prosperity)" is a statement which is untrue, and a libel upon the good name of the citizens of Fernandina, and only originated in the fertile brain of the Metropolis, which is hard pushed for material with which to entertain its readers.

The quotation made from a mythical citizen of Fernandina who said, "We are going to vote for Tallahassee just to keep Jacksonville from winning," etc., forms the basis of this brilliant editorial. This unknown citizen does not represent Fernandina, and our people feel indignant that the Metropolis should scour the streets of Jacksonville in order to get a text from some irresponsible person in order to beset our fair name. The Mirror has refused several communications, on the Capital removal question, which were calculated to stir up sectional feeling. In our objection to the Capital removal we know no sectional preferences; it is a question of simple financial expediency, and not the result of the green-eyed monster, as charged by the over-zealous Metropolis.—Fernandina Mirror.

Wishes of the People.

A few people (very few) in Alachua county want the Capital removed to Jacksonville. A few (very few) want it removed to Ocala. A few (very few) want it removed to St. Augustine; but many (very many) want it to remain—at least for a while—in Tallahassee, and it will there remain.—Gainesville News.

That is What They Say.

Those who take Hood's Sarsaparilla for scrofula, eczema, eruptions, catarrh, rheumatism or dyspepsia, say it cures promptly and permanently, even after all other preparations fail. You may take this medicine with the utmost confidence that it will do you good. What it has done for others you have every reason to believe it will do for you.

Constipation is cured by Hood's Pills. 25 cents.