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LE SAM WANTS IT

ing Pay for Official Bonds Filed Here

SECRETARY OF STATE

ed That Fifty Cents Must Go on Every Bond Filed in His Office.

the past several weeks a spe-
gent of the United States Gov-
ent has been here examining
bonds filed in the office of the
ary of State, in order to ascer-
whether or not they bore the
nt revenue stamp required by
art act. He has made his
t to Washington, and Hon.
L. Crawford has received the
ing letter from Joseph E. Lee,
ctor of Internal Revenue for
istrict of Florida:

am in receipt of a letter from
onorable Commissioner of In-
Revenue, dated January 21,
relative to the stamping of
of notaries public, justices of
peace, United States, State and
y officers, etc.

the Honorable Commissioner
s that from the time the war
ue act became effective, bonds
United States, State, county,
or township officers were tax-
nder schedule A of the war
ue act, and was not exempted
section 17 of said act. This
g had the approval of the Hon-
ble Attorney-General.

I would respectfully request that
take such steps as you may
necessary with a view to hav-
all bonds now recorded in your
e properly stamped, and in fu-
ure, when bonds are presented to
for record, I will thank you to
e to see that the same have the
50-cent documentary stamp
ed thereto before you record the
e.

is thought that, according to the
ctions contained in the above
e, every bond of an officer filed
office of the Secretary of State
July, 1898, must have the 50-
documentary stamp affixed
to by the party giving the bond,
umber of whom have long ceased
old office.

the bond of every State and
nty official, including justices of
peace, constables, notaries pub-
shipping agents, naval stores in-
ectors, timber and lumber inspect-
aucteers, etc., is required to
stamped.

There are three thousand bonds,
re or less, now in the office of the
etary of State which must be
mped. If the parties making the
ds will forward the stamps Dr.
wford will properly affix them to
bonds. If they refuse to do so,
ether now in office or not, they
ill be subject to the penalties pre-
ribed, which are severe.

allahassee Improvement Association.
The Tallahassee Improvement As-
sation met Tuesday afternoon at
the residence of the President, Mrs.
L. Randolph. Important busi-
ness was transacted. A committee
five was appointed to improve
ackson Square; an appropriation
s made and a committee was ap-
ointed to have the street from the
ublic building to the Capitol, and
ayne Square, cleaned every two
eeks from February 1st to June 1st;

ork on the Adams street parks
as authorized, and the condi-
on of some of our side streets,
pecially Carolina and Georgia
eets between Monroe and Cal-
oun streets, was much comment-
ed on. No sidewalks at all
e maintained on Georgia street, be-
ween Monroe and Calhoun, and gar-
ge and cans and bottles are some-
times thrown even into the road,
uch to the disgust of pedestrians.

is desired by the society that the
ention of every householder be
ven to the sidewalks bounding
er property. If there must be
ass and weeds let there be a clear
t line up to which grass and (if un-
voidable) weeds may grow, but over
hich neither must pass. Every
ousehold in the city should be re-
resented by one member in the Tal-
lahassee Improvement Association.

is an organization in which num-
ers are strength. The duties are
et arduous, interest, a real interest,
the appearance of our pretty town
the principal requirement. The
llowing is the present list of mem-
bers which should be tumbled:

Mrs. Bloxham, honorary, Mrs. J.
Winthrop, Mrs. R. B. Carpenter,
rs. J. R. Cohen, Mrs. J. W. Coles,
rs. G. B. Currie, Mrs. R. H. Gam-

ble, Mrs. George Greenhow, Mrs. F.
C. Gilmore, Mrs. Robert Gamble, Mrs.
J. A. Henderson, Mrs. Hodges, Mrs.
George Lewis, Mrs. F. T. Myers,
Mrs. J. A. Pearce, Mrs. A. L. Ran-
dolph, Mrs. T. A. Randolph, Mrs. G.
W. Saxon, Mrs. D. S. Walker, Mrs.
Charles Pearce, Mrs. Howard Gam-
ble, Miss A. E. Flagg.

After Trespassers.
Hon. Wm. N. Sheats, secretary of
the State Board of Education and
State Superintendent of Public In-
struction, has addressed the follow-
ing letter to State attorneys, county
prosecuting attorneys and Sheriffs in
Florida:

"In consequence of the number to
be addressed, a circular letter is em-
ployed to acquaint you with the re-
quest and important information given
below:
"At a meeting of the State Board
of Education, of which the Governor
is president and the State Superin-
tendent is secretary, held January
15th, A. D. 1901, all members being
present, the following was unani-
mously adopted:

"Ordered fifth—That the secre-
tary request all State attorneys,
county prosecuting attorneys and
sheriffs of the State to report to the
State Board of Education the status
of all cases of trespass upon school
and seminary lands in the several
counties of the State; also, that the
secretary call the attention of sheriffs
to the laws prescribing their duties
in relation to such lands."

"The above is designed both to
acquire information and to give no-
tice that the present State Board of
Education is determined to make
vigorous effort to protect all school
lands from the shameful depredations
being made upon them. The board
will thank you to aid in the under-
taking by compliance with the re-
quest in the above resolution, and it
will also thank any other responsible
citizen who will report to the Secre-
tary any trespass upon these lands
coming under the observation of the
one reporting it.

"It is made the duty of the State
Board of Education as well as your-
self to see that these lands are free
from depredation as those of any pri-
vate citizen, more particularly so
since they are set apart for the edu-
cation of the children of Florida.

"It was also enjoined upon me to
call the attention of the sheriff of
each county to the laws prescribing
his duties as timber agent for State
lands, and to notify each that the
Governor, as President of the State
Board of Education, looks to each
of them to faithfully and fearlessly
keep the trust imposed upon him by
the statutes. In obedience to this
demand, each sheriff is requested to
familiarize himself with sections 654,
655, 656, 657, 2522, 2523 and 2526
of Revised Statutes of Florida, and
to execute the duties thereby en-
joined upon him, and to apply to this
board for any needed assistance.

"By order of the State Board of
Education."

Washington Letter.

Washington, January 26th.—The
Ship Subsidy Bill will pass at this
session or there will be an extra ses-
sion to consider it. There is no
longer any real doubt of this. The
extra session, however, will not be
called to consider this matter. If it
is found that the Ship Subsidy Bill
cannot pass, one or more appropria-
tion bills will probably also be held
up on one pretext or another and
permitted to fail and the extra ses-
sion will be called to consider them,
thus freeing the President from the
unpleasant task of summoning Con-
gress to give away government mon-
ey. If it should be thought better
not to block an appropriation bill,
the extra session will be called to
consider the Cuban Constitution or
to pass laws for the Philippines as
soon as the Supreme court shall have
handed down its decision. There
will be plenty of pretexts, and on
whichever one the call is based Con-
gress will be free to take up the
shipping bill. The eagerness of the
subsidy hunters to get their job voted
on is discovered to be due to the fact
that its chief beneficiary, the Inter-
national Navigation Company, will
get a bounty on two vessels, aggregat-
ing 24,520 tons, now building, if the
bill is passed before the vessels are
completed, but will not get so
much if the ships are completed be-
fore the bill is passed. Under the
Act of 1891, Senator Frye states,
this company got annually an extra
sum of \$757,000 on four ships, but
under the bill now being pushed it
would get on the same ships \$1,190,-
000. On its whole fleet of ships the
company would get, it appears, a bo-

To Nominate City Officers.

A meeting of the Democratic vo-
ters of the City of Tallahassee is
hereby called to be held at the City
Hall on Friday, February 8th, 1901,
at 8 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of
nominating Candidates for municipal
offices to be filled at the Election to
be held on the 19th day of said
month.

By order of Democratic Executive
Committee of Tallahassee, this 29th
day of January, 1901.

GEO. P. RANEY,
Chairman.

of \$2,332,024 yearly for being
so good as to continue in a profitable
business—this, too, without under-
taking to give additional facilities to
our commerce, either in character of
service, number of trips or lower
rates. An obligation is imposed on
the company in the bill to build 12,-
000 tons of shipping in this country,
but this seems to be a sham obliga-
tion, since the vessels already under
construction here if not completed
too soon—can be used to offset the
statutory obligation. Of course the
same end could be obtained by delay-
ing the completion of the ships until
the summer of 1902 and passing the
bill next winter but the company is
unwilling to let the extremely profit-
able trade of the next year pass
without being able to use its new
ships, although Mr. Hanna states
they are now run at a loss.

The enemies of General Miles,
who include pretty nearly all the
members of the staff department of
the army the men who were so bit-
terly scored by him for dereliction
in duty during the Spanish War—as
well as the members of the embalmed
beef ring, recently congratulated
themselves that they were to have
their revenge at last. The army bill
had been sent to conference so drawn
that it would be possible for the
president acting under it to degrade
General Miles and appoint General
Otis as Lieutenant General of the
Army. Unfortunately for them,
they talked too much of their com-
ing triumph and the Conference
Committee amended the bill so as to
block the little game. The bill now
reads: "Nothing in this act shall be
held or construed so as to discharge
any officer from the regular army or
to deprive him of the rank or com-
mission which he now holds therein."

This provision, as amended, will re-
quire the appointment of General
Miles as Lieutenant-General of the
United States Army. The provision
as originally inserted in the act
omitted the word "rank." As Lieu-
tenant-General Miles has no commis-
sion as "Lieutenant-General," merely
a certificate assigning him to the rank
as the senior Major-General, the
president would have had the power
to have nominated any officer he saw
fit to this office as created by the pro-
posed law. The idea was to appoint
Generals Otis and Brooke, retire
them and then appoint General Cor-
bin Lieutenant-General.

Another session of Congress is
nearly at an end without any at-
tempt even being made to correct
the outrageous ills that the country
is suffering from, the knocking
out of the Interstate Commerce Act
by the courts some two or three
years ago. As matters stand now,
the railways can make and unmake
rates at their own sweet will and
they do not hesitate to exercise the
privilege. Statistics in the possession
of the Interstate Commerce Commis-
sion show that of 1,717 changes in
classification made by carriers during
the year, 1,589 produced raises and
only 128 reductions. In over half
the increase was over 40 per cent.
and in less than one twenty-fifth it
was as little as 15 per cent. In a
number of cases the rates were
doubled, while the average increase
was nearly one-third. By these
changes in classification, therefore,
rates upon a considerable part of
freight traffic in all portions of the
United States, many of them apply-
ing on the most common articles of
merchandise, were very materially
advanced. These changes were ad-
mittedly made, not because of any
inequality in the classifications but
simply because the railways had

determined to increase their reve-
nues. There was no claim of any
unusual need of revenue. Not for
years had traffic been so heavy or
gross receipts so large, but it was in-
sisted that the cost of operation had
been enhanced and net revenues
would therefore be decreased. Com-
parisons show, however, that operat-
ing expenses were less in propor-
tion to earnings and net profits were
greater in the fiscal year ending
June, 1900, than they have been in
any year in the last ten. Still, the
Republican Congress takes no action.

The Republican press has kept re-
markably silent editorially in regard
to the disgraceful language that
passed between Senators Hawley and
Chandler on the floor of the Senate
recently, in which the former de-
nounced the latter as a liar and the
latter declared that the former was
senile. Had Southern Senators been
concerned in this discreditable epi-
sode, every Republican newspaper in
New England would have gone into
hysterics over it, and newspapers of
the same faith in every other part of
the country would have preached
homilies on "plantation" manners.
As it is, no remonstrance has es-
caped from these sources, and they
have been just as dumb over it as
they have been over the lynchings
in Indiana, Colorado and Kansas.

Volcanic Eruptions
are grand, but Skin Eruptions rob life
of joy. Bucklen's Arnica Salve, cures
them, also Old, Running and Feyer
Sores, Ulcers, Boils, Felons, Corns,
Warts, Cuts, Bruises, Burns, Scalds,
Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Best Pile
cure on earth. Drives out Pains and
Aches. Only 25cts. a box. Cure guar-
anteed. Sold by all druggists.

At Old Tricks Again.
Monday night Policeman Henry
discovered some one in Julius Ball's
saloon, and placing a guard at the
door went for L. E. Cohen, the bar
clerk. Together they searched the
building, but found no one, and
finally giving up, left the building.

Not satisfied, however, they re-
turned and again searched it. A
negro by the name of Crevel was
found hiding under some
old plunder in a narrow hall.
Policeman Henry covered him
with his pistol and ordered him to
throw up his hands. This he
complied with, but when the officer
reached out to put the nippers on his
arm, the negro grabbed his (the offi-
cer's) pistol and with his free hand
pulled a razor.

Henry saw the movement and, like
a flash, dropped his club, grasped the
pistol with both hands, and, forcing
the dangerous one toward the thief,
pulled the trigger. The ball entered
the negro's thigh near the hip joint
and went through both legs.

In the mean time the light, a hand
lamp, had gone out. While the officer
stood over the negro with his pistol,
Mr. Cohen struck a match and lit the
lamp again. This was a trying mo-
ment, for the negro was known to be
desperate, having just finished his
third term in State prison, but when
the light was secured he was found
unable to make further resistance.

The prisoner was locked up, and
if he gets over his injuries, which he
will likely do, the probabilities are,
he will get a pretty long term this
time.

Miss Jackson's Concert.

Lovers of good music, and there
are many such in Tallahassee, can
but feebly express the delight they
experienced in listening to Miss
Jackson and the two accomplished
artists who appeared with her last
Thursday evening. Mrs. W. O.
Ames and the other ladies of St.
Agnes' Guild deserve praise and the

gratitude of all for having made it
possible for our small community to
enjoy such a treat. That the public
appreciated the opportunity was evi-
denced by the full attendance and the
perfect, not to say rapt, attention ac-
corded the various numbers pre-
sented. Miss Jackson surpassed all
that the press notices had said of her.
She won the hearts of her audience
at once by the sweet modesty of her
demeanor and a personality most
pleasing. During her performance
her audience was entranced, and at
the close she was greeted with
applause, hearty and sincere.
Her program was a com-
pliment to her audience, many of
her selections being works of finished
art by well known composers. These
were so perfectly rendered by Miss
Jackson that the veriest tyro was
conscious of a dawning understand-
ing and could not fail to be im-
pressed by her masterly technique.
Her tone was clear and deep, and
her bowing had a freedom and
vigor only acquired by years of close
practice and absorbing love of art.

Mr. Pratt, who accompanied Miss
Jackson and Miss Elburna on the
piano, was perfect in his role, and
pleased all with his elaborate and
well executed selections. Miss El-
burna was charming and her songs
melodious. Her voice, a clear, bird-
like soprano, had a remarkable range
and timbre, and the perfect ease
with which she managed her most
flexible voice betokened the culture
she had enjoyed. The concert was
a success, and all wish that oppor-
tunities for enjoying such good music
were not so rare.

A Cracker.

The public lectures on Catholic
subjects given last week by the Paul-
ist Father, John B. Harney, were
well attended and appreciated by all.
The queries found in the "question
box," and answered before each lec-
ture, proved that many availed them-
selves of this means to learn the
truth on certain subjects which they
could not reconcile with other tenets
held by the Catholic Church. The
inquirers through these points were
hard nuts to crack, though in many
instances they were surprised to have
it demonstrated that their hard nuts
had but "paper shells." Father
Harney won for himself the sobriquet
of "nut-cracker." We welcome
"crackers" of this standard.

We believe were all the churches
to adopt the same plan it would be
conducive towards eradicating the
many prejudices entertained by the
members of the different churches
towards those of other denominations
than their own, and thus promote
true Christian charity among all.

The question box will hereafter be
in permanence at the Catholic
Church.

"John Marshall Day."

Monday, February the 4th, 1901,
will be the one hundredth anniversary
of the assumption of the duties of
Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of
the United States, by that sterling pa-
triot and able defender of the Con-
stitution, John Marshall, of Virginia.

In recognition of the great influ-
ence that he wielded in firmly estab-
lishing this government on the solid
basis of principles as set forth in the
Constitution, the fearlessness and hon-
esty of his decisions in favor of the
rights and liberties of the American
people, the clear and searching light
of his great legal and judicial mind
on questions which were then of the
utmost importance to the struggling
republic, and the acknowledgement
and respect for the Constitution
which he forced from foreign nations,
this day has been set apart for
celebration; and, as "John Marshall
Day," will receive recognition by the
Bench and Bar of every State in the
Union.

Exercises suitable to the occasion
will be held at Tallahassee in the
Senate Chamber of the Capitol, at
11 o'clock on Monday, consisting of
an oration on the life and works of
John Marshall, by Mr. W. C. Hodges,
remarks by Chief Justice Taylor and
leading members of the Bar.

The public are cordially invited to
attend, and assist in making the oc-
casion as interesting and successful
as the subject deserves.

Capital City Bank Officers.

The Capital City Bank directors,
John P. Roberts, W. A. Rawls, G.
W. Saxon, James A. Ball and T. G.
Rawls, held a meeting Monday af-
ternoon and elected the following
officers: George W. Saxon, president;
William A. Rawls, vice-president; T.
Eugene Perkins, acting cashier; and
ordered a dividend to be paid to the
stockholders.

RAILROAD MEETING

Held at the City Hall on Last Monday Night

A COMMITTEE APPOINTED

And Another Meeting to be Held To- night to Hear Its Report.

A meeting of the subscribers to
the Georgia Pine Railroad was held
Monday night at the city hall. It
was called for the purpose of devis-
ing ways and means for carrying out
our promises to the Georgia Pine
Railroad Company, viz: To give
them \$8,000 in cash, twenty acres of
land contiguous to the C. T. & G.
and S. A. L. railroads and in or near
this city, and the right of way to the
boundary line of Leon county on a
route to be selected by the com-
pany's civil engineer.

Dr. Moor, Judge Raney and Sena-
tor Myers, of the committee appointed
by the subscribers to make a contract
with President Williams of the rail-
road company, stated the facts in the
case, showing that \$8,000 had already
been placed in the Tallahassee banks
subject to the order of Mr. Williams
upon the completion of the road and
the commencement of a regular
schedule between this city, and Bain-
bridge; that twenty acres of land had
been bought and paid for; that the
right of way had been secured along
the entire route to the county line,
with the exception of three gaps.

These gaps, it was stated, were
causing all the trouble. Some of the
subscribers had not paid up and the
committee had no funds to proceed
with. If this money was paid in it
would be sufficient, etc.

A committee composed of Messrs.
Joseph A. Edmondson, F. C. Gilmore
and T. B. Byrd was appointed to call
upon the subscribers, explain the sit-
uation and see what could be done in
the way of collecting the amount
subscribed and found to be necessary
for carrying out our contract. The
committee will report at another
meeting tonight.

Organized Literary Society.

Friday afternoon in the chapel of
the Seminary West of the Suwannee,
the young gentlemen of that institu-
tion organized the Anaxagorian Lit-
erary Society, which is to be a rival
of the Platonic Debating Society,
which has been organized for a num-
ber of years.

In all inter-collegiate debates of
the above institution one debator will
be selected from each society, and on
the commencement debate two mem-
bers will be selected from the Anax-
agorian and two members from the
Platonic Debating Society. The
commencement debate will be known
hereafter as the "champion debate"
between the two societies.

At the meeting of the Anaxagorian
Society Friday the following officers
were elected: President, W. Munroe
McIntosh; vice-president, J. R.
Evans; secretary, Julian Howard;
treasurer, J. W. Edmondson; ser-
geant-at-arms, R. E. Householder;
critic, Asa B. Clark.

The following question is posted
for the next debate of this society at
the Seminary building: "Resolved,
That the Constitution of the United
States follows the flag." W. B.
Crawford and J. W. Edmondson
will champion the affirmative, while
Asa B. Clark and Julian Howard
will uphold the negative.

Professor A. A. Murphree, Presi-
dent of the West Florida Seminary,
was made an honorary member.

Mrs. Rouse Brought up

Misfortunes never come singly.
State Senator W. C. Rouse has been
here now six weeks suffering from a
gunshot wound, and last Monday his
wife had to be brought up for ex-
pert treatment by our physicians.

She took cold while waiting on
her husband here in December, and
went home sick. The tonsils com-
menced swelling and became so bad
that she had to be brought here and
the swollen parts cut open.

Dr. Philbrick went down and
brought her up, and he and Dr.
Gwynn performed the operation.
The patient is getting on nicely now
and will soon be able to return
home.

Senator Rouse is now able to walk
about and will go home Saturday.

Meeting of King's Daughters.

A meeting of the King's Daugh-
ters will be held Friday (February
1st) afternoon promptly at 4 p. m.,
at the residence of Mrs. B. C. Lewis.