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### Democratic Party a Bulwark of Independence

### ISTHMIAN CANAL TREATY

#### A Weak Clause in Measure, Say Money and Bacon.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 10.—Can the radical element in the Republican party secure the assistance of Mr. Roosevelt in their contemplated attempt to deprive the South of fourteen seats it now has in the House? That question is an important one, not only to the South, but to the Democratic party of the entire country, as it means a reduction of Democratic electoral votes, as well as of Democratic Congressmen. The attempt is already well under way, as more than the required number of Republicans in the House have signed a request for a caucus to consider how this reduction may be accomplished. When the same parties who are directing this movement started the same thing, in the last Congress, they were called down by Mr. McKinley. So far Mr. Roosevelt's attitude toward the movement is not positively known, although some of the radicals are claiming that he is in sympathy with them. It is in Mr. Roosevelt's power to kill this movement as easily as Mr. McKinley did, but it is not within his power to insure its success, as the Democratic Senators can be trusted to put an end to the transaction of business in that body during the life of this Congress rather than allow such legislation to go through.

Ex-Representative Belford, of Colorado, who has been making a fight on the Republican machine of that State, said on the subject after his last interview with Mr. Roosevelt: "For the past four years the Republican party of Colorado has been cursed with the absolute and tyrannical rule of the Federal office-holders, and many of them are persons whose past careers are a stench in the nostrils of decent people. In the last county convention in Denver 180 Federal office-holders and members of their families were in the convention and completely dictated the slate which was forced through. The State chairman is a Federal office-holder. So is the county chairman, and they largely compose the Republican State and county committees. We are seeking to terminate that condition of affairs, and we are certain of success. It has taken much effort to circumvent the wishes of this crowd, for they have nothing else to do than to attend to politics, but we have been diligent ourselves, and the recent order of the Attorney-General and other department officials, that they must keep hands off of political affairs, and our interviews with the President convince us of absolute success."

Representative Fleming, of Georgia, gave Representative Moody, of Massachusetts, who obtained some: unenviable notoriety last week by offering a resolution in the House for the investigation of the right of the Louisiana Representatives to hold their seats, owing to the disfranchisement of certain voters of the State, a reminder that those who live in glass houses shouldn't make a practice of throwing stones, by offering a resolution for an investigation of the right of the Massachusetts Representatives to retain their seats, owing to the disfranchisement of certain voters by the educational qualification imposed by its State constitution.

Ex-Congressman Tarsney, of Michigan, speaking of the alleged lack of harmony among the Democrats of the country, of which the Republican press is just now making so much, said: "A Democrat, you know, isn't like a Republican. Every Democrat is a natural born free thinker. When he gets into a convention he wants to have his own free way, and not be hampered by any bosses. As a result Democratic conventions, which to the Republicans appear uproarious, are in reality simply the result of differences of opinion among the various members, each one of whom is striving to advance the general interests of the party in his own way. So you see, therefore, that in one sense the Democratic party is a staunch bulwark of independence in the United States, and does the country a vast amount of good by independent thinking and independent voting."

Following is the emphatic conclusion of the report of the mixed army and navy board which tested the Gathman gun, in accordance with the instructions forced through Congress by Senator Hanna: "There is nothing in the Gathman system to recommend its adoption in the public service of the United States or to warrant further experiments."

Representative Ball, of Texas, thinks the trust bills that were introduced in the House of the last Congress did not receive the attention they deserved. One reason for this was that they were divided among several committees. Mr. Ball himself introduced three anti-trust bills in the last House, and each was referred to a different committee. He thinks there should be a special committee on trusts, and has introduced a resolution providing for one. It is a good idea, but the friendship of the Republican bosses for the trusts will probably line up enough of the majority against it to prevent its adoption.

While Senators Bacon and Money, Democratic members of the Senate

committee on Foreign Relations, were unwilling to appear as obstructionists, they pointed out that the new Isthmian Canal treaty with England, which has been favorably reported to the Senate, contained a clause that would be very troublesome to this country in case of war with a country that has a strong navy. The clause in question, they claim, will deprive this country of the right to deny the use of the canal to the ships of a country that we might be at war with.

Ex-Representative Allen ("Private John Allen, of Tupelo"), of Mississippi, now one of the St. Louis Exposition Commissioners, called on Mr. Roosevelt, in company with four of his fellow commissioners. When asked about what was the object of their call, Mr. Allen put on one of his most serious looks and dropping his voice almost to a whisper, replied: "The object of our call was a most delicate one. We wanted to relieve the President of any anxiety he might have had that there were any vacancies in this commission. The President has the reputation of acting quickly when making appointments and we thought it better to set him right about the members of our commission desiring to stay on until the work of the fair is completed."

There are some radical differences of opinion between the administration and members of Congress as to the Philippine tariff legislation that the recent decision of the U. S. Supreme Court seems to have made necessary, and daily conferences are being held to try to agree upon what is to be done. Senator Lodge introduced a bill but the members of the House Ways and Means Committee won't touch that, because they say that even if it was in accordance with their ideas the House, and not the Senate, is the proper place for tariff legislation to originate.

#### MR. BALL'S SENSIBLE REMARKS.

Councilman Ball's remarks at the City Council meeting last night in regard to the condition of the Tallahassee fire department were timely and to the point. His statement that in case of a serious fire the city would be in poor shape to combat it, and that the council would be to blame, places the responsibility where it should fall.

No department can successfully fight fire without the necessary apparatus, and it is the duty of the council to see that the firemen are supplied with everything necessary to protect public property. Firemen, and especially volunteers, have the most thankless jobs on earth. They are expected to respond to the call at all hours of the day and night, regardless of the weather. Their lives are often endangered, and they undergo many hardships in their efforts to save property from the fury of the fiery fiend. For this heroic work they get no pay and little thanks, and the least the council can do is to furnish them with necessary apparatus.

Councilman Ball knows the wants of the city in this respect. He is a business man of sound judgment, and his remarks came at a most opportune time to accomplish results. The council did a wise thing in ordering the fire committee to purchase a wagon and all needed apparatus at once. Tallahassee has been peculiarly free from destructive fires in the past. This has been due more to luck than precaution, but the people will rest more secure in the future, knowing that proper precautions are being taken to protect their property from losses by fire.

#### RAILROAD MATTERS.

The Florida Railroad Commissioners met Wednesday in the office of Chairman Day, for the consideration of several important matters. Those present were Commissioners H. E. Day, J. M. Bryan and J. L. Morgan.

The case against the South Georgia Railroad Company was heard and an understanding arrived at. The Railroad Commission last April ordered certain rates to be effective on this road, and in October rates were put in operation contrary to the ruling of the Commission.

#### MOST POPULAR STUDENT.

This is the last week of the contest, and coupons must be sent in at once. The voting from now until next Friday morning promises to be very interesting. Miss Maxwell is still ahead in the race, but there may be some developments in the next few days that may place another face on the result.

If you wish your favorite to make a good showing, don't fail to send in your ballots. The final count will be made and published in next week's Tallahasseean, and the winner will receive a ten dollar gold piece. Vote early, vote often and vote late, and remember that the time is short.

Up to this morning the vote stood:  
Miss L. E. Maxwell.....359  
Miss Bessie Meginniss.....257  
Miss Eunice Rawls.....35  
Miss Helen James.....18  
Gaston Day.....22  
Mr. Ross Bryant.....29

#### TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

## PLEASANT RECEPTION

### Judge and Mrs. Geo. P. Raney Entertains Friends

### BRILLIANT SOCIAL EVENT

#### About Two Hundred Invitations were Sent Out

The handsome and commodious residence of Judge and Mrs. George P. Raney was thrown open Wednesday evening, in a reception to their friends, and the occasion was one of the most brilliant ever held in the Capital City. The judge and his estimable bride had just returned from their bridal trip a few days before, and their hundreds of friends were anxious to extend congratulations and best wishes.

The house was tastefully and appropriately decorated for the occasion, palms, ferns and cut flowers predominating. About two hundred invitations had been sent out to friends of the happy couple, and fortunate guests enjoyed thoroughly the pleasing hospitality of the judge and his bride. Refreshments were served. Judge and Mrs. Raney are great favorites in Tallahassee, and the entire community join in wishing them a long life of conjugal bliss.

#### PROCEEDINGS OF THE SUPREME COURT.

Josiah Ferris, appellant, vs. Orla J. Spafford, appellee, Hillsborough county. Petition for rehearing denied. G. A. Hanson for petitioner.

American Building, Loan and Tontine Savings Association, plaintiffs in error, vs. White & Knox, defendants in error, Orange county. Petition for rehearing denied. William H. Jewell for petitioner.

Southern Insurance Company, plaintiff in error, vs. W. S. Smith-Tyler, defendant in error, Orange county. Petition for rehearing denied. Jones & Jones for petitioner.

B. H. Powell, plaintiff in error, vs. F. J. Pons, defendant in error, Baker county. Judgment affirmed. Order per curiam without opinion, on report of commissioners. Barrs & Bryan for plaintiff in error; W. P. Ward for defendant in error.

Victoria Florida Phosphate Co., plaintiff in error, vs. Lucy T. Bradley, defendant in error, Duval county. Judgment affirmed. Order per curiam without opinion, on report of commissioners. H. H. Buckman for plaintiff in error; Fleming & Fleming for defendant in error.

Mary Bethel, plaintiff in error, vs. the Jacksonville Street Railroad Company, defendant in error, Duval county. Judgment affirmed. Order per curiam without opinion. W. H. Baker for plaintiff in error; John E. Hartridge for defendant in error.

The following four cases have been set for oral argument on Tuesday, the 17th instant:

1. The Florida East Coast Railway Company vs. John Andreu, St. Johns county vs. A. MacWilliam, for plaintiff in error; J. W. Henderson for defendant in error.

2. David R. Clem vs. Frank R. Meserole et al., Orange county. L. D. Browne for appellant; Arthur F. Odlin for appellees.

3. Simon Forsheimer vs. Wallace, Elliott & Company, Escambia county. Liddon & Egan for plaintiff in error; A. A. Fisher, William Fisher and E. D. Beggs for defendants in error.

4. W. H. Austin vs. Eunice G. Hoxsie et al., Lake county. William Hocksey for appellant; W. S. Jennings for appellees.

The court stands adjourned until Tuesday, the 17th instant.

#### THE KING'S DAUGHTERS.

The King's Daughters give their annual Christmas bazaar at the armory today. The place will be tastefully decorated for the occasion and it is unnecessary to say that all who attend will enjoy themselves.

The King's Daughters are noted almost as much for the excellence of their bazaars and other social gatherings as they are for their benevolence. The order is non-sectarian, being composed of members from all the different churches. Their object is to look out for the care and comfort of the poor, sick and needy, and every person in the city should take pride in helping them along.

Dinner and supper will be served. Just notice the array of good things and ask yourself how you can afford to miss them: Roast turkey, turkey salad, oysters, raw stewed and fried; ice cream and delicious cake of every kind, and an abundance of Christmas candies.

There will be the usual display of fancy work suitable for Christmas presents, and no better opportunity will be offered for you to purchase something beautiful and useful to present to friends or loved ones.

#### "THE COLUMNS" TO OPEN.

The many friends of Mrs. T. J. Roberts will be pleased to learn that she has returned to the city fully restored to health again. On Monday she will re-open her boarding house on McCarty street, just west of the postoffice, known as "The Columns."

She has quite a reputation as a boarding house keeper and will, no doubt, soon have a full house again.

## JOLLY CARD PARTY

### A Delightful Evening at Miss Nash's Home

### MANY GUESTS PRESENT

#### Delicious Refreshments Were Served — A Merry Crowd.

The members of the Young Ladies' Card Club of Tallahassee were delightfully entertained Thursday evening by Miss Ella T. Nash, at her elegant home on Gaines street.

Six handed euchre were indulged in until a late hour, when delicious refreshments were daintily served. The occasion was one of the most pleasant ever given by the club, which is saying a great deal, as it is noted for its pleasant social gatherings. The evening was given up to pleasure, and the guests thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Among those who participated in the festivities were: Misses Evelyn Wintrop, Elizabeth Pearce, Jeannie Breward, Jessie Edmondson, Courtney Walker, Eliza McDougal, Bessie Saxon, Annie Rawls, Letitia Rawls, Mary Randolph and Estelle Carpenter; Mr. and Mrs. Lewis M. Lively, Mr. and Mrs. T. Glover Rawls and Mr. and Mrs. Bryan C. Whitfield; Messrs. John W. Henderson, Walter L. Wight, Robert W. Williams, Jr., Charles W. Perkins, Robert H. Mickler, William N. Sheats, Jr., Guy Winthrop, Frank Winthrop, Fred. W. King, of Macon, Ga., Gilbert Taylor, W. B. Long and Dr. E. M. Brevard.

The gentlemen's prize was won by Mr. Henderson. Miss Courtney and Miss Josie Edmondson cut for the ladies' prize, and the latter won it.

#### IAMONIA LOCALS.

Iamonia, Dec. 5.—Capt. R. P. Doss, ex-sheriff of Thomas county, Ga., went down to Tallahassee last Friday and back to Thomasville last Saturday. He was in pursuit of a stolen horse, and succeeded in getting the animal. He repeated the round trip on Monday and Tuesday of this week and on similar business, we believe, with success.

Scenes of mirth and mourning alternate very rapidly in this world. On Wednesday of last week we witnessed a wedding at our home, and on last Wednesday we conducted the burial service over the grave of a little sweet six-year-old girl, the only daughter of our dear and beloved neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. R. Murray. Little Ellen was a bright and lovely child, the idol of her parents. But the Savior has taken her and she rests in peace. She was buried in the O'clockee (Baptist) church cemetery at Susina, Thomas county, Ga. She died with congestion of the brain.

Several new and roomy frame dwelling houses have been and are being erected at and near Susina, and they are owned by colored people, too. Who can say that the negro in the South is not thriving, especially when he attends to his own business and behaves himself? Also, the colored people own and run two stores at Susina, and one of the stores is built of brick. Moreover, we have heard of two other colored families who have bought land not four miles from Iamonia.

If our young, energetic white men do not stir themselves and buy homes, the negro will soon own the major part of this country.

There is a considerable call for barrels for syrup this fall, and we think that a barrel factory would thrive near here, more especially since there is a cypress swamp not more than a mile from this place, from which barrel timber could be procured.

Mr. T. P. Strickland has made his second trip to the "Bay," as we call the coast fisheries, this season.

#### A PERMANENT THING.

Max. Krause, the jolliest knight of the grip that travels from Savannah, Ga., has been in the city several days this week, scattering sunshine among his friends and incidentally doing business. Max has a way of doing both these things that is the envy of many less fortunate people, and keeps him away on the comfortable side of a bank account, besides making more friends than any one else.

There is another thing about Max. He takes great delight in always conveying good news into every community he visits. This keeps him quite busy at odd times trying to turn up something for somebody when everything seems to have gone on a strike or succumbed to inertia. Having also been a resident of Tallahassee many years prior to moving to Savannah he still retains a specially tender spot in his heart for the city among the hills and never lets an opportunity go by to serve her.

He is president of the Travelers' Protective Association, which has a very large membership, and this backing added to his energy and unusual perseverance enables him to do things. For a long time Max has been working for better passenger accommodations; that is, lower rates and better schedules on the various roads. This, so far as the Seaboard is concerned, has been accomplished to his entire satisfaction, and, as pointed out last week, Tallahassee is now in better shape than ever before as regards passenger accommodations.

Max. says that it is permanent, too.

That as president of the T. P. A. he has been to Portsmouth in consultation with the officials there, and has it from headquarters that it is no winter schedule this time, but a permanent thing.

Under the new arrangement of the schedules, and the addition of a fast passenger train, our people and tourists can eat early breakfast in New York City one day and go to bed at the regular hour for retiring the next night in Tallahassee. Parties coming this way can eat dinner in Savannah and supper in Tallahassee, coming all the way over the Seaboard.

Such schedules are what we have been wanting a long time. They will do great things for us in time. Rates are the next things most needed.

#### THE BEST IN THE WORLD.

We would call the attention of our readers to the advertisement of the Royal Worcester Corset Co. in another column in this issue of our paper.

This concern has appropriated a large amount of money to bring the merits of their goods to the attention of Southern women. They Royal Worcester and Bon Ton Corsets are famous the world over, the Company receiving at their office in Worcester, Mass., inquiries from Europe, the Orient and from all parts of the world, proving that the Royal Worcester Corset is superseding the European made article, because it is a better corset and fits better. No higher compliment could be paid the skill and honesty of purpose displayed in the manufacture of the Royal Worcester and Bon Ton Corsets than the fact that many of the leading manufacturers in various parts of Europe have copied their designs. The fact that the Royal Worcester and Bon Ton Corsets are the best fitting and best constructed corsets now before the public, coupled with the fact that they are American corsets through and through, makes it reasonable to every woman that she is consulting her own interest if she wears no other corset but these.

Merit and value make an article popular and world-wide in reputation. These qualifications are shown in the Royal Worcester and Bon Ton Corsets, and inquiries for them are measured only by the limits of the civilized world.

From the demand that is now being made for these corsets in the South, it certainly must seem that no others will approach them in sales in this territory. Nearly every woman is familiar with them, but if not your dealer will tell all about them and point out the many ways in which they excel other corsets that they have in stock.

#### A BIG FORCE AT WORK.

Mr. Thomas H. Hall, proprietor of Panacea Mineral Springs, spent two or three days in the city this week. His family is down at the springs with him and they are, as usual, enjoying themselves immensely.

Mr. Hall says he has several teams from his farm in this county and about thirty hands engaged in improving the property. They are hauling saw dust and rock and making hard roads to the beach, rock landing and to the springs from the hotel.

They are also leveling up and completing the work on the train road to Sopchoppy, which has been in operation all summer, but was never really completed. That is, it was not properly leveled and finished.

A big salt-water bath house is also being built at the point nearest to the hotel, where, he says, they will have a splendid bottom and make it a great convenience for guests.

Hunting and fishing in that vicinity are both exceptionally fine this season, and the guests of the hotel have a fine time. The ponds and small lakes are full of ducks, the bay alive with wild geese and the woods full of wild turkey and quail.

Numerous inquiries are coming in each mail, he says, from Northern people who are coming down this winter, and every indication points to having the hotel full by the 10th of January.

#### A SAD DEATH.

The death of an infant never more wrung the hearts of fond parents and near relatives than that of little Mary Collins Woodward, which occurred at 6 o'clock Wednesday morning. She had been sick only a few days and no time was given to prepare for the dreadful shock.

"Mary Collins," as she was called by the family and all close friends, was four years and seven months old, an exceptionally bright and lovable child, but exceedingly frail all her life. She was the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Woodward.

The funeral took place late Wednesday afternoon under the direction of Undertaker Duncan. The services were conducted in an impressive manner by Rev. W. E. H. Mabry, pastor of the Methodist church.

#### A NEW INDUSTRY.

As will be seen by our advertising columns this week, Mr. D. W. Syfrett will in a few days open a blacksmith, wheelwright and general repair shop in the building on St. Augustine street just west of the Capital City livery stables.

Mr. Syfrett is a thorough workman in his line, and never allows a shoddy job to go away from his place. He will keep a full supply of material on hand for his own use and will be prepared when he opens to do prompt as well as good work.

He also builds wagons and any other vehicle wanted, and has quite a reputation in the section he halls from.

#### DON'T FORGET

The young violinists—Josie, Pauline and Edmund Rice—at opera house one night, December 17.

## MEETING OF THE DADS

### Councilman Ball's Sensible and Timely Remarks

### NEEDS OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

#### Committee Ordered to Purchase Necessary Apparatus.

Tallahassee, Fla., Dec. 12, 1901. The City Council met in the Council Chamber in regular session and upon being called to order by the President, the roll was called and the following members answered to their names: President Armstrong, Messrs. Ball, Edmondson, Randolph, Spiller and A. H. Williams, city clerk. A quorum was present.

The minutes of the meeting of November 19th were read and approved. The following reports were read and ordered filed:

Mayor's report for November: Cases tried, 16; fines, \$59.75.

Report of chief of police for November: Amount collected, \$62.75, for fines, house rent and impounding stock.

Report of market clerk for December: Collected, \$138.68.

Report of city sexton: Amount collected: \$9.90 for interment permits.

Report of tax collector: Amount of taxes, \$120.85; licenses, \$77.63—\$198.01.

Report of city treasurer: Tallahassee, Fla., Dec. 12, 1901.

Hon. F. W. Armstrong, president of the Council of the city of Tallahassee, Fla.:

Dear Sir: I submit the following statement of city finances:

Cash balance on hand November 19, 1901, \$8,719.48; received since that date, \$433.44; total, \$9,152.87. Disbursed, \$1,011.14; balance, \$8,141.73.

Distributed as follows: General fund, \$2,617.82; market fund, \$3,908.76; special fund (water and fire), \$1,620.50; total, \$8,147.13.

The \$433.44 received since November 19th, 1901, above referred to, was from the following sources: W. D. Wilson, tax collector, \$198.01; Jackson Gray, market clerk, \$138.68; M. M. Braswell, chief of police, \$62.75; Jos. Duncan, city sexton, \$9.90; A. Wahnish, rent July to November inclusive, \$25.00; total, \$433.44.

Respectfully submitted,

A. H. WILLIAMS,  
City Treasurer.

Report of sanitary officer: Six deaths; 3 white and 3 colored.

The following warrants were allowed and ordered paid:

Warrants paid December 12, 1901—

No. 1021 M. M. Braswell.....\$ 50.00

No. 1022 F. S. Henry.....40.00

No. 1023 I. V. Dennyard.....40.00

No. 1024 Jos. Duncan.....15.00

No. 1025 Jackson Gray.....25.00

No. 1026 H. N. Sweeting.....6.25

No. 1027 Southern Tel. and Con. Co.....25.00

No. 1028 Capital City L. & Fuel Co.....180.00

No. 1029 Miss N. E. Bassett.....15.00

No. 1030 C. A. Bryan.....16.50

No. 1031 W. A. Papy.....152.50

No. 1032 M. F. Papy.....25.80

No. 1033 Gilmore & Davis Co.....9.75

No. 1034 Walter Page.....8.50

No. 1035 W. D. Wilson.....7.62

No. 1036 A. R. Gray.....31.00

No. 1037 L. C. Yaeger.....22.30

No. 1038 L. C. Yaeger.....2.15

No. 1039 R. B. Gorman.....25.00

No. 1040 A. H. Williams.....16.66

No. 1041 Gilmore & Davis Co.....9.35

No. 1042 Gilmore & Davis Co.....4.88

\$768.66

Councilman Randolph stated that the merchants of Tallahassee desired the privilege of using about two feet of the sidewalk of street for the display of their goods during the holidays. After discussing the matter, it was decided to grant them the privilege asked.

Councilman Ball made a strong plea in behalf of the fire department. He stated that the apparatus for fighting fire is in bad shape, and should receive prompt attention. "Much complaint has been made as to the hose reels, etc., and if a destructive fire should break out we would be in a bad shape to fight it, and the council would be responsible." He was of the opinion that a special meeting should be called to discuss means to improve the department. After discussing the question at length, the council ordered the fire committee to purchase at once wagon and necessary apparatus for the fire department.

City Clerk A. H. Williams submitted to the Council a neatly engraved card from Mrs. McKinley, acknowledging the receipt of resolutions on the death of President McKinley, passed by the Council.

There being no other business, council adjourned.

#### A NICE COMPLIMENT.

"Very few weekly newspapers are readable after one has glanced through the daily papers," remarked Mr. H. C. Crawford, of the Secretary of State's office, to the Tallahasseean Wednesday afternoon. "The Tallahasseean is one of these. It is always filled with live reading matter, and is, therefore, always interesting. The Tallahasseean has for years been a good paper, but it is better now than ever, and it affords me great pleasure to read it. Indeed, I have heard many favorable comments on the paper recently."