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Good Government;

Public Office; Equal Justice to All--Special Privileges to None.

DOINGS AT THE STATE CAPITOL.

Items of Interest from the Various State Departments.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

Governor Broward has appointed Hon. James P. Taliaferro as United States Senator to fill the interim between the 4th of March and the date of his reelection by the Legislature.

Governor Broward has issued an order and proclamation for the election of a Senator from the twentieth district, changing the date for the election from March 21 to March 28.

C. A. Hooks justice of the peace for district No. 2, Sumter county, has tendered his resignation to Governor Broward, who has accepted the same.

Civil appointments: George Green, Salem; W. D. Christmas, Marianna; J. W. Codwell, Astor Park, notaries public for the State at large. W. C. Crum, Dade City, member of the school board, first district, Pasco county. D. V. Daly, Pensacola, inspector of naval stores. E. M. Knight, Mascotte, member school board, district 2, Sumter county. A. D. Bell, Clermont, justice of the peace, district 15, Lake county.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

The following letters patent have been issued during the past week:

Standard Fertilizer Company, Gainesville, capital stock \$75,000, to buy, manufacture, sell and barter chemical fertilizers, and such legitimate business as pertains thereto. Officers: L. R. Woods, president; C. G. Boyd, vice president; J. F. Smith, secretary.

Acme Grocery Company, Ocala, capital stock \$10,000, to buy, sell and retail grocery, may, etc. Officers: James Meitzenmann, president; Henry T. Strehl, vice president; Andrew W. Acree, secretary and treasurer.

DeSoto Sanitarium, Jacksonville, capital stock \$20,000, to erect and maintain a private hospital for the reception, care and medical and surgical treatment of persons for hire, etc. Stockholders: Dr. Sollace Mitchell, P. J. Stollenwerk and John E. Boyd.

Dutton Commissary Company, Gainesville, capital stock \$25,000, to buy, sell and deal in all kinds of merchandise, machinery, supplies, etc. Officers: C. D. Dennis, president; E. Lee Hughes, vice president; J. E. Webster, secretary and treasurer.

Glendale Development Company, Glendale Walton county, capital stock \$10,000, to buy and sell real estate, general merchandise, fertilizers, live stock, and engage in turpentine farming. Incorporators: A. L. Beach, W. L. Cuthbertson and D. E. Murphy.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

Commissioner McLin, who, by terms of the Constitution, has charge of the Bureau of Immigration, has recently published, as required by law, a complete and comprehensive handbook of the State for free distribution, intended as an inducement to immigrants and wisely calculated to effect the intended purpose in every respect. Unfortunately, this excellent publication, especially prepared by Chief Clerk Miller with great labor and infinite care, fell short of accomplishing its purpose because the Legislature appropriated insufficient funds for the publication of an edition of 1,000 copies, and the amount for the work has been so great that the small edition is now practically exhausted.

Requests for trustworthy official information concerning the State, its attractions, resources and possibilities, are always numerous, and so greatly multiplied in number during recent months that to satisfy all has become almost impossible. These requests have come from every State and Territory of the Union, and from many foreign countries.

In view of this extraordinary situation, the Commissioner will urge upon the coming Legislature (and his position will doubtless be effectively endorsed and accentuated by the Executive), an appropriation sufficient to authorize a much larger edition of the work, which will be carefully revised and brought down to date, and which will then much more adequately perform the purpose of its publication. This new edition, in order to effect its purpose fully, should not be less than 100 copies, some of which should be printed in one or more languages, for distribution to the various State finances are in a condition to abundantly justify the expenditure, and estimates of the cost will be prepared when the Legislature convenes.

At a meeting of the Board of State Institutions, held on Wednesday, Commissioner McLin presented a bill for the hire of the State printer for four years from January 1, 1905, in compliance with notice published. There were present a large number of interested in the matter, and in brief, were as follows: H. G. Wade--For one year, \$10,000; for the whole number, \$100,000. (C. H. Barnes--(Hamby)--For the whole number, \$100 per capita. A. Cord & Co. (John N. C. Stockton)--For the whole number, \$100 per capita. R. H. Paul & Co. (Stockton)--For the whole number, \$100 per capita. E. P. Rose--For the whole number, \$100 per capita. W. J. Hillman--For the whole number, \$100 per capita. Enterprise Lumber Co. (Georgia)--For one-third of the whole number, \$100 per capita. W. J. Bryan--For the whole number, \$100 per capita. Florida Naval Co.--For the whole number, \$100 per capita; for one-third of the whole, first choice, \$255.00. Dowling & Co.--For the whole number, \$203.50. Geo. L. Dreese--For one-third of the whole number, \$5.25 per capita. The Board, after reading of the bids was concluded into executive session, and let into the contract of lease to the Enterprise Lumber Co., of Jacksonville, for the amount of their bid for the whole number, \$207.70 per capita. This was composed of Mr. C. H. Barnes, of Jacksonville, and Dr. W. B. Hamby, of Georgia, who is largely interested in convict leases in that State.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.

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RAILROAD COMMISSION.

At the request of the Pensacola Chamber of Commerce, the Commission will hold a meeting in that city for the consideration of such matters as may be presented, on the 30th day of March.

The hearing in the matter of the Seaboard Air Line Railway, set for Wednesday, March 1, at 10 o'clock, was postponed to Thursday, March 2, at the same hour, and on that day Hon. Geo. P. Raney appeared for the company, the result being that the claim on which complaint was founded was paid in full. The claim was a small one, for overcharge on a freight bill to J. C. Harne & Co., Aucilla, Fla.

Robert W. Davis.

A veteran Southern Democrat, who has done his State faithful service, retired to private life at the close of this session in the person of Representative Robert W. Davis of Florida. Small as the Florida delegation is, it has become one of the most industrious from the South in doing things for Florida people. Since Mr. Davis entered Congress, eight years ago, Florida's two Senators and two members have secured many hundreds of thousands of dollars for river and harbor improvements, a number of good buildings, and have collected from the Government over a million dollars for an old Florida Indian war claim.

As one of the hardest workers in Congress, Mr. Davis contributed his share toward the well-known success of his delegation. He has spoken seldom, but always to the point, and never for buncombe. The retiring Florida member has made no enemies during his four terms, and his friends are many on both sides of the center aisle. He is one of the few men in the House whose return to private life will be a loss to the careful and businesslike consideration of legislation.--Washington Post.

Arkansas' Big Debt to Uncle Sam.

A mighty small proportion of the people of the United States know that the State of Arkansas owes the famous Smithsonian Institute, in Washington, nearly \$2,000,000, which it has not the faintest intimation of paying. In 1838, the first year of the reign of the late Queen Victoria, the United States received, on account of the Smithsonian bequest, the details of which are too well known to require repetition, a sum aggregating \$500,000. A good portion of this was, by act of Congress, invested in bonds of the State of Arkansas. Not a cent of the principal or interest of this ever has been paid. The bonds now are mouldering in the vaults of the United States Treasury, in Washington, with coupons untouched by the scissors. And there they probably will remain for all time. The Federal Government was forced to make good Arkansas' delinquency and appropriate money for the inauguration and maintenance of the institution which is now famous all over the country.--Brooklyn Eagle.

The Democrats in Congress are trying to make the President feel at home on the Democratic platform.

'Putting off' means leaving off, and going to do becomes going undone.

FLORIDA PRESS ASSOCIATION.

Program for the Annual Meeting at Lake City.

March 22 to March 24, inclusive, has been selected by the executive committee of the Florida Press Association as the dates for holding the next annual meeting of the Florida Press Association at Lake City.

The executive committee met in Jacksonville last week for the purpose of fixing a date and arranging for a program. There were present at this meeting T. F. McBeath, the president of the association, and the editor of the Florida School Exponent; T. J. Appleyard, secretary of the association, and editor of the Lake City Index; Geo. W. Wilson, editor-in-chief of the Times-Union; C. L. Bittinger, editor of the Ocala Star; E. L. McKinnis, associate editor of the Palatka Times-Herald, and Fred L. Robertson, editor of the Live Oak Crescent.

Secretary Appleyard reported that great preparations were being made in Lake City for the reception and entertainment of the Florida editors, and that he believed that there would be a good number of them present at this annual meeting.

The most important part of the proceedings of the meeting, and a feature which required considerable time and study, was the arranging of a program. The program is a lengthy one, and is arranged so as to insure an interesting meeting, even if some of those who have been named to lead on important topics are absent. In its entirety it is as follows:

Invocation, Rev. J. B. Ley, editor Christian Advocate. Welcome address in behalf of Lake City, Hon. Guy Gillen, State Senator from Columbia county. Response, C. L. Bittinger, Ocala Star. President T. A. McBeath's annual address.

What Should Congress Do? By Frank M. Harris, editor of the Live Oak Crescent. What Should We Do? By W. Wilson, editor of the Lake City Index.

Short Talks on the Primary Law, by W. A. Straub of the St. Petersburg Times, with illustrations; followed by Jos. H. Humphries of the Bradenton Journal, and Alfred St. Clair Adams, editor of the Tavares Herald, and others.

Where and Why the Public School System Has Proven a Disappointment, J. M. Guilliams, of the School Exponent. A discussion of the same will follow, with the participants as follows: E. T. Hyington, Miami News; T. F. McBeath, School Exponent, Gainesville; Fred L. Robertson, Crescent, Live Oak; Frank E. Harris, Banner, Ocala; A. M. C. Russell, Argus, Brooksville.

Industrial Publications and Their Effect on the Business Community, J. A. Hollomon, editor Industrial Record.

The Society Column, Miss E. Nellie Beck, staff of the Pensacola Journal.

The Circulation of a Newspaper, Rufus A. Russell, business manager of the Metropolis.

Should Legal Advertising Be Open to Competition? D. E. Thompson, editor of the St. Augustine Record, to be followed by a general discussion, in which Oliver F. Farmer, of the Levy Times-Democrat, H. W. Jones of the Chipley Banner, and others will participate.

The Importance of the State Fair to the Agricultural Interests of the State, Wallace F. Stovall, Tribune, Tampa.

Discussion by W. R. Carter, Metropolis, Jacksonville; Philip Isaacs, Press, Fort Myers; E. V. Blackman, Home-seeker, Miami; Edward Fitzgerald, Courier-Informant, Bartow; R. W. Storrs, Breeze, DeFuniak Springs; C. O. Coddington, News, DeLand; S. K. Hudson, Sentinel-Reporter, Orlando; W. S. Graham, News, Arcadia; C. L. Bittinger, Star, Ocala; J. P. Sherwood, Democrat, Live Oak; W. E. Pabor, Pineapple, Pabor Lake; H. H. McCreary, Sun, Gainesville; all in tentative talks.

Lecture, Making Up Daily Newspapers, Claude L'Engle, Jacksonville.

The Country Paper from a City Newspaper Man's Standpoint, Frank L. Mayne, Journal, Pensacola.

The City Newspaper from a Country Newspaper Man's Standpoint, Frank E. Walpole, Record, Manatee.

The Newspaper's Duty to the Home, Rev. L. D. Geiger, Citizen, Apopka.

Ethics Between Journalists, Adrian P. Jordan, Herald, Punta Gorda.

To What Extent Should Advertising Affect Editorial Policy, Columbus, H. Smith, New Enterprise, Madison.

True Advertising Items Should Be Paid For, Mrs. Neva C. Childs, Champion, Arcadia.

The secretary was instructed to fill in where any member declined in subject assigned him.

A State Issue.

Florida and Texas strawberries are now coming. Apparently these two southern States waged a warm contest to see which would have its product in the market first. We know which won, but, like the man who was speaking of the hereafter, we refuse to tell because we have friends in both places.--New York Pecker.

One reason why we fail to take all the comfort and enjoyment we might from our friends and neighbors is that we are ambitious to make our social entertainments too elaborate. They soon become a burden and an expense to all but the very well-to-do. There is good sense in having a little something to eat when a few friends visit you in the evening. Nobody has satisfactorily explained why the act of eating together promotes good fellowship, but we all know that it does. To secure this result, however, is not in the least necessary that what is eaten be choice or expensive. Crackers and cheese, provided they are good and daintily served, will do quite as well as pate de foie gras or boiled snails. The main thing is that what is eaten be reliable. A chafing dish is a great invention for neighborly sociability. The moment the little company is gathered about the little dining room table interest centers in the manipulations of the fair business. That is one of the moments when a woman looks most engaging. And when the plates are filled with the best of meats, the spirit of neighborly friendliness and good cheer is at high tide. A little money will go a long way in pleasant entertaining if we are sensible enough to make it very simple and let good feeling largely take the place of money in the ordering of our hospitality.--Watchman.

WHAT THEY SAY.

Our Friends of the True Press Talk About The True Democrat.

John G. Collins, an experienced newspaper man, will begin next week in Tallahassee the publication of a live weekly newspaper, to be called The True Democrat. If it is indeed what some people think it will deserve a cordial welcome.--Live Oak Crescent.

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JUDGE SWAYNE IS ACQUITTED.

The Senate, by a Strict Party Vote, Declares Him Not Guilty.

An Associated Press telegram to the Jacksonville Sun gives the result of the Swayne impeachment trial as follows: Washington, Feb. 27.--The Senate met at 9.50 this morning for the purpose of making final disposition of the Swayne impeachment case by voting upon the articles of impeachment. The first article, which charged Swayne with certifying false claims for expenses submitted: Guilty, 33; not guilty, 49. Detailed vote was:

Guilty--Bacon, Bailey, Bard, Barry, Berry, Blackburn, Carmack, Clark (Montana), Clay, Cockrell, Culbertson, Daniel, Foster, Gorman, Kittredge, Latham, McCreary, McCumber, McHenry, McLaurin, Mallory, Martin, Money, Morgan, Nelson, Newland, Overman, Patterson, Pettus, Simmons, Stone, Taliaferro, Teller--33.

Not Guilty--Alger, Allee, Allison, Atkinson, Ball, Beveridge, Burnham, Cullum, DeLoach, Dietrich, Dill, Fairbanks, Foraker, Foster (Washington), Frye, Fulton, Gallinger, Gurnea, Gibson, Hale, Hansborough, Heyburn, Hopkins, Keegan, Keams, Lodge, McComas, Millard, Penrose, Platt (Connecticut), Platt (New York), Proctor, Quarles, Scott, Smoot, Spooner, Stewart, Warren--49.

The vote on the second article, which was a similar charge to the first, resulted 32 guilty, 50 not guilty. Clark of Montana voted not guilty on the second article, and this was the only change.

The third charge was similar to the other two, and the vote resulted: Guilty, 37; not guilty, 50.

The fourth article related to Judge Swayne's use of the private car of the Jacksonville, Tampa & Key West Railroad Company. The vote resulted: Guilty, 13; not guilty, 69.

The Senators who voted guilty on the fourth article were: Bacon, Barry, Carmack, Cockrell, Culbertson, Daniel, Pettus, Penrose, Spooner, Stewart, Warren.

The sixth article charged Swayne with non-residence in his district. The vote was: Guilty, 51.

On the sixth article, the vote was the same as on the other articles except the votes of Messrs. Gibson, which were for conviction.

The first time, and Clark of Montana who voted for conviction, and the vote of Kittredge, which was for acquittal.

The seventh article was similar to the fifth and the vote was, guilty, 19; not guilty, 63.

The eighth article related to the contempt case of E. T. Davis. The vote was, guilty, 31; not guilty, 51.

On the ninth article the vote was, guilty, 31; not guilty, 51.

Articles ten and eleven related to the contempt case of Simon Seiden, and the vote on each was, guilty, 31; not guilty, 51.

The twelfth and last article was the contempt case of O'Neal, and the vote was, guilty, 35; not guilty, 47.

This acquitted Judge Swayne of all charges.

Senator Taliaferro called up on February 25th the bill introduced by him to appropriate \$100,000 for a soldiers' home in the State of Florida, and the measure was passed without opposition.

The bill provides for the purchase of a tract of 200 acres of land, and for the erection of suitable buildings. Admission is to be restricted to those who are eligible for admission to soldiers' homes elsewhere. Senator Taliaferro endeavored to have provision made for admission of soldiers of Indian wars, as well as of the civil war, but to this the committee was opposed.

A Sense of Prescience. "You wouldn't sell your vote, would you?"

"No, sub," answered Erastus Phibkey. "But if a gemman what's runnin' for office was to give me two dollars common gratitude would make me sell for him."--Washington Star.

Printed. No matter what your business, good printing--it's the dress by which the public judge you. We can save you and make your printing a profitable investment. We do nothing but the first-class work, and do it for what other kind costs you.

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