

THE TRUE DEMOCRAT.

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Have you noticed in the columns
Where the papers print the rhymes,
That they try now to change in
From the good old gloomy times,
When folks thought that, when in trouble,
They could read their title clear?
To a place in all the papers,
So the world their woes could share?
Now 'tis sunshine, not the shadder,
Falls across the printed page,
An' we feel that we're comin'
Nigher to the golden age,
When the good, an' not the evil,
Will be counted worth our while,
An' we'll measure one by inches,
But the other by the mile!

Broward and Sheppard.

A Tallahassee correspondent, or telegram, dated July 31st, to the Jacksonville Metropolis, supposedly sent out or authorized as coming from headquarters in this city, proves whom Governor Broward stands sponsor for as judge. There are many Democrats who like Sheppard personally, but who prefer Hon. F. T. Myers or Judge Maxwell for this appointment:

"The story that W. C. Hodges, of this place, would be a compromise candidate for the judgeship to succeed the late Judge Swayne is regarded as absurd here.

"It is shown that Hodges is the Governor's personal counsel and pointed out as a plausible plea for the Governor's support. The fact of the matter is, the Governor indorsed District Attorney Sheppard very strongly for the appointment, and there is every indication that Sheppard will be Swayne's successor.

"Mr. Sheppard was here a few days ago, and is confident of his appointment. He has the support of the State Republican machine and a great many Democrats. A prominent Republican today said that the idea of Settle, of North Carolina, receiving the appointment was almost preposterous. He had direct information that his name was not even being considered."

Brad's Dope.

What's the trouble? Brad just got hold of the wrong prescription in mixing his "dope" last week. All of his predictions came out bad. Instead of dry weather, clean ball, victory and no "beefing," we had rain on Monday and Tuesday, dirty ball, defeat and plenty of "beef." That's just why we lost. If it had been otherwise we would have won.

No one can say that our boys have not had the proper backing this year, for the fans have been loyal and have stood by them well. This the boys certainly appreciate, and are sorry indeed that they cannot get rid of the "all-in-one-inning" hoodoo.

The fatal seventh passed the swiftest inning in the game. It was one, two, three; side out! The eighth passed a little more stubborn, but safe. In the ninth Monticello scored a run, thereby tying the score. The very fact of the score being tied disheartened some of the boys, and they seemed to feel as if the game was already lost. "Down in the mouth;" did not care how things went; Monticello at once noticed the situation and began to take advantage of it. The better Monticello played, the worse our boys did. Some of Tallahassee's infielders stayed "up in the air" so long that they had actually sprouted wings when they returned. All of this was had enough, but some of that Monticello bunch were not satisfied at this, and, to make it more unpleasant, began "beefing," "chewing the rag," playing dirty ball and getting in the way of our players and interfering, while their place was on the bench.

Did you ask why the umpire didn't bunch those players who were interfering? Oh, don't be foolish! We knew "something was going up" when that fine set of good-natured ball players from Union Springs "cried out" against Monticello, for we all knew what gentlemen Union Springs had, and knew, too, that they wouldn't complain without justification. Tuesday all saw why, or at least one reason justifiable for complaint.

The Union Springs boys are to be congratulated upon holding their place as well as they did, after having to contend with second base.

The game was well attended, and well played up to the tenth inning. Everything went to pieces, and Monticello was allowed to score four runs.

At the end of the game the score stood:

Monticello, 7; Tallahassee, 3.

BRAD.

Dr. E. H. Armstrong, the well-known and leading Jacksonville eye specialist, who has been making professional visits once a month through this section of the country, will not be able, owing to his increased office business, to make these regular professional calls hereafter. The Doctor will turn over such cases as need future attention to Dr. A. W. Underwood, of Jacksonville, who will try to make regular visits.

Hereafter Dr. Armstrong will give his exclusive personal attention to his home office, at 11 Laura street, where he is prepared to handle all forms of most complicated eye trouble and nervous headaches; cross-eyes straightened without the knife; the grinding of special lenses; in fact, anything and everything pertaining to the special line.

23-11

Col. Sam A. Fackler is in Tallahassee getting out his book on "The Ups and Downs of a Country Editor; Mostly Downs." His last chapter will deal with his recent short stay in Bainbridge as editor of the Tribune, which he promised to make rich, rare and racy.—Bainbridge Searchlight.

Prediction Pleasantly Corrected.

The Tallahassee True Democrat reproduces a small item from the Jacksonville Metropolis and then comments on it as follows:

Governor Broward has consented to make a speech in Sumpterville on next Saturday. There also will be a picnic at the place on the above date for social enjoyment, but we predict the Governor's speech will be on the subject of draining the Everglades.—Jacksonville Metropolis.

Your prediction may prove true since at the beginning of the picnic season just before the drainage campaign, he often hid himself out as would a peanut politician to make stump speeches. Now that political fences be repaired, and plans arranged for electing a full set of officers in accord with the machine, and to secure a third term of the same kind, it may be expected our Governor will get busy again, but is it just the right thing for a Governor to do, to spend so much of his time galivanting around over the state playing cheap politics. Would a Governor who wished to uphold the dignity of his position, do such things? Did they do it in the days of Drew, Bloxham, Perry Fleming or Mitchell?

The venerable and much-loved Dr. John L. Crawford always denounced such action, and openly lectured officials who took the time the people paid officials to serve them—to use for political purposes, to the neglect of their official duties. But may be some of these officials have clerical help who can carry on business better than the "boss" can, and, perhaps, that may even be true in the Executive Department.—True Democrat.

Now both the Metropolis and the Democrat went wrong this time. The Times Editor is a staunch friend and admirer of Honest John Collins of the True Democrat, but we don't quite agree with all that is said in this instance. First, the Metropolis was wrong in its prediction. The Governor did not make a "drainage speech" at all, though honestly our people would have been glad to hear him speak on that subject, for he remembered Sumter was right at the top of the column in the percentage "against" drainage in the election—but they want to hear all about it. The Governor's speech was along patriotic lines, it was chaste, elegant and improving in its nature. It was such a speech as was entirely suitable to an occasion of the kind, and had not the least flavor of "cheap politics." It was an occasion where the chief executive came and mingled with the people to become better acquainted with them and they with him and was entirely proper.—Sumter Times.

Give Us a Name.

If Dr. Wescott had lived to see the accomplishment of his dream we believe he would have been equal to the next task in this connection, but the financiers and engineers who have so successfully incarnated an idea have worked so hard and so long that their feelings are indurated and imagination suppressed. We do not blame them for the lack; we but mourn that something is needed to make perfect this waterway of the East Coast and regret that we cannot demand from them the supply of the deficiency. In our mind's eye it is thronged with pleasure craft for long months in every winter—the motor-boats will flash swiftly by lending a brief illusion to the picture but the standing feature is the house boat with languorous girls and songs, with lazy fishermen and resting society queens, carrying the laughter of children and murmurs of love. The way will be worthy of the travelling—it is the Bridal Road of America already to us; a road which permits of seclusion or of company at will—one where the passengers are not ordered about and may linger or hurry as they please.

We submit that such a stream is no canal and should not bear a way so commonplace. There will be nothing like this waterway on all the earth—there are many canals. In the name there should be no suggestion of sordid traffic—we would have no hint of the money that makes the world go round, but only of the love that sweetens life and the hope that brightens it. Name the waterway. The makers sought to dig a ditch but it is not a ditch when done. They are just drawing a long breath on completion of a great task and we cannot expect a consideration of the subject from them now but let the suggestion rest in their minds till it fructifies.

What name? Ask a poet. The heavens have a highway—why not give love and happiness on earth a highway in name as well as in fact? The Indian calls Indian river "The Little Sea that Shines;" this is the sea on which dreams will hover and grow brighter for their stay. Next winter give every bride that passes down it a vote on its name and let a jury of nations decide; or adopt one of the several musical Indian names already given the parts of the natural channel. But a canal it is not and must not be made and we should not hesitate lest the wrong name be fixed in the public mind.—St. Augustine Record.

Eczema.

For the good of those suffering with eczema or other such trouble, I wish to say, my wife had something of that kind, and after using the doctors' remedies for some time concluded to try Chamberlain's Salve, and it proved to be better than anything she had tried. For sale by the Tallahassee Drug Co.

The dancing school recently started in our city has already become a popular resort of the stay-at-home young people, who are endeavoring to get a little fun out of life, even if they do have to get their seaside tan by going about in the sun bareheaded.

Beware of Book Writers.

The Manatee Record advises Gilchrist that if he really wants to be Governor he should stop writing "long-winded articles" and get into the race. Then comes the Pensacola Journal, and the article is reproduced under the head, "Will Be Writing a Book Next." Wonder just what the Journal meant, for surely the Journal knows that the people of Florida are a reading people, as proven in a certain election not many years ago, when an able treatise on farming and filibustering broke to pieces a beautiful slate and elected a tugboat captain Governor of the State. Moral: Beware of the writer of books; "the pen is mightier than the sword."—Orlando Democrat.

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