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Recommendations For The State Colleges

The State College for Women Needs \$82,500 and Agricultural and Mechanical College \$25,000.

The Joint Committee appointed to visit the State Institutions and make recommendations concerning same, consisting of E. S. Crill and D. H. Baker, for the Senate, and Walter Page, B. L. McKenzie, Glenn Terrell and W. J. Durrance, on the part of the House, reported as follows in reference to the two State Institutions located in Tallahassee:

FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE FOR WOMEN, TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA.

Your committee visited this college on May 14, 1909. No finer or more delightful place can anywhere be found than the location of this College. At this College, too, there was an air of contentment and pride. The girls' faces said: "We are proud of our College and proud of our State, and expect the Legislature to help us to more accommodation and better buildings, that hundreds of other Florida girls may have the advantages we are having." The importance of the work at this College cannot be measured by dollars and cents. Education that educates and fits young women for their proper sphere in life is of the greatest importance. There is nothing the State can do that will compare with this. This being true, and we feel that it is true, it is the duty of the State to in every way foster and build up this College to that high standard that the people of Florida demand.

The work that is being done here is of the highest and most thorough character. The College is constantly gaining in usefulness and in the affections of the people of the State. They are sending their daughters here to be educated, feeling certain that the teachers are competent and that the State furnishes instruction as good as the best.

This year the total enrollment has been 257. With enlarged accommodations, the attendance will doubtless be much larger.

The normal department, or school for teachers, is well attended, and this department should have every encouragement possible, for thoroughly well equipped teachers are an absolute necessity if our public schools are to flourish and meet the demands of our pupils.

In the School of Industrial Arts girls are taught sewing, cooking and other domestic duties under one of the most competent teachers. It was a pleasure to visit this department and to observe the neatness in every part. Here the girls gain knowledge of a practical character of the everyday affairs of the home and domestic economy. We hope to see this department grow until every girl in the College devotes a portion of each session to this branch, which we think is greatly needed and should be encouraged. Every member of the Legislature should, if possible, make a visit to this school. You will be pleased with the work, and if you have a daughter to educate, you will find that right here in Florida, under the best teachers.

The committee regrets that the funds have not been in hand with which to make the improvements contemplated. There is urgent need for a new College Hall. The old building is cracked in many places, and really has the appearance of being dangerous. We should suggest to the Board of Control and the State Board of Education that this work be done as soon as possible. Additional dormitory room is needed, and this also should be provided for at an early date.

An infirmary should be erected, or a portion of the new dormitory, when built, should be so arranged that a portion could be used. It seems an absolute necessity to have some place where the sick could be cared for in a proper manner. The campus grounds need to be improved, and the whole grounds should either be enclosed or in some way kept from being trespassed upon. We therefore recommend that there be appropriated for the Florida State College for Women:

For Current Expenses.....	\$70,000
Campus Improvement.....	5,000
Sanitarium.....	7,500

Total.....\$82,500

FLORIDA AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE FOR NEGROES.

The committee visited this school and found everything in a flourishing condition. It seems that the attendance is only limited to the lack of room. It is hoped that this will be remedied at an early date. Everything about the place shows both teachers and pupils interested in their work.

To those of us who were on the committee two years ago, we marked noted improvement. We think the students realize the importance of the school, and are trying to make themselves use-

LOOK FOR THE COMET.

It is Said to be Due About this Time. Not Visible Again for 360 Years.

As interesting as was the phenomena of the total eclipse of the moon, last night, there is something better in store for us, for the same great comet that was seen in 1861 is on its way to pass the earth and it is calculated to begin to be visible in the northwestern part of the heavens about this time. This comet is of immense size, the star is very large and bright and the tail when it is nearest the earth (about 14,000,000 miles) will spread over a large part of the heavens. It will probably be visible for a year.

The comets like other more tractable heavenly bodies, do not move in circles but in orbits of long, narrow, oval shape. While one end of the orbit is near the sun, the other end reaches into immensity; but no matter how much the comet tugs at and stretches the chain that binds it the sun, it must eventually return to it if it takes hundreds of years. It has been calculated that this comet requires 409 years to travel once around its orbit. When last seen, in 1861, it had entered upon the short part of the orbit. "Short" is a relative term only, for through traveling at an incalculable speed, it has yet required forty-eight years to go to the opposite side of the sun. Except in 1861, the comet last passed the earth in 1548, when the nations of Western Europe began to be civilized in earnest and the western world had just been discovered. The earth was young and fresh and plentiful then. The next visit of the comet will be 360 years from now and we wonder what sort of an earth it will look upon then? What is now its best parts will then, perhaps, be barren deserts.

The Ten Commandments.

A Chicago man who has a large number of employees under him has posted up in the various departments of his establishment cards which bear the above caption and the following terse rules. These make it very plain what he expects, and what he does not expect, of those who draw salaries from him:

Rule I--Don't lie--it wastes my time and yours. I'm sure to catch you in the end, and that's the wrong end.

Rule II--Watch your work, not the clock. A long day's work makes a long day short and a day's short work makes my face long.

Rule III--Give me more than I expect and I'll pay you more than you expect. I can afford to increase your pay if you increase my profits.

Rule IV--You owe so much to yourself that you can't afford to owe anybody else. Keep out of debt or keep out of my shops.

Rule V--Dishonesty is never an accident. Good men, like good women, can't see temptation when they meet it.

Rule VI--Mind your own business, and in time you'll have a business of your own to mind.

Rule VII--Don't do anything here which hurts your self-respect. The employe who is willing to steal for me is capable of stealing from me.

Rule VIII--It's none of my business what you do at night. But if dissipation affects what you do next day, and you do half as much as I demand, you'll last half as long as you hoped.

Rule IX--Don't tell me what I'd like to hear, but what I ought to hear. I don't want a valet to my vanity, but I need one for my dollars.

Rule X--Don't kick if I kick--if you're worth while keeping. I don't waste time cutting specks out of rotten apples.

Rich Men's Gifts are Poor

beside this: "I want to go on record as saying that I regard Electric Bitters as one of the greatest gifts that God has made to woman, writes Mrs. O. Rhinevaunt, of Vestal Center, N. Y. "I can never forget what it has done for me." This glorious medicine gives a woman buoyant spirits, vigor of body and jubilant health. It quickly cures Nervousness, Sleeplessness, Melancholy, Headache, Backache, Fainting and Dizzy Spells; soon builds up the weak, ailing and sickly. Try them. 50 cents at all Druggists. 15-1m

ful citizens by gaining knowledge from books, and also the industrial training they are here receiving. We saw many evidences of their handicraft. We also noted that the girls were taught household affairs. In fact the whole work is being done by the students. The rooms are kept neat and in good order. This school deserves the heartiest support from the State. The buildings are inadequate and many changes should be made. We feel that the Board of Control will, as soon as possible, arrange for these necessary changes. We therefore recommend that there be appropriated for the Florida Agricultural and Mechanical College for Negroes:

Current Expenses for two years.....	\$10,000
Agricultural Building and Dairy Barn.....	10,000
Infirmary.....	5,000

Total.....\$25,000

Frank Clark Flays His House Critics

Denounces Alexander, Light and Miller And Says They Are Enemies to Democracy.

Congressman Frank Clark, of the Second Florida District, in the national house of representatives, recently made a speech on the "Responsibilities of a Representative," in explanation of his remarks in discussing the tariff and W. J. Bryan on April 5, and his appearance before the Florida legislature. The entire speech before the legislature is printed in the congressional record, and from it extracted the following thrusts at certain members of the legislature:

"The legislature of my State convened in regular biennial session on April 6, 1909, the day following the delivery of my speech here. That legislature, while supposed to be entirely Democratic, contains in the membership of the house of representatives a few Populists, Independents, and others who have always in the past trained with the enemies of Democracy, but who are now masquerading as the only real, genuine Democrats left on earth. They wear collars upon which are branded in large letters, 'None genuine without our trademark. Yours, forever, W. J. B.'"

RAPS 'JEEMS.'

"Considering my declination to bow down and worship Mr. Bryan, of Nebraska, as reasonable in the extreme, one Alexander, who happens to be a representative from Volusia county, and who all the people of Florida know has been in open hostility to the Democratic party in that State for the past twenty-five years, and who has never supported a nominee unless it suited his purpose to do so, introduced in the house a resolution censuring me and indorsing the 'peerless' one.

"Think of this, Mr. Speaker, a branch of a State legislature being made to entertain a resolution having for its object the censure of a representative in congress of the United States for words spoken in debate in congress! Think of a law-making body being asked to abandon its legitimate duties and resolve itself into a political caucus or mass meeting, at the heavy expense of the tax-payers, in order to condemn the democracy of one man, and to give another man a certificate as a democrat!

"Alexander, who introduced this foolish resolution in a grave legislative body, pressed for its immediate passage, and seven others besides himself voted for its immediate passage. Of these seven so voting was one--Light, of Marion county--who posed as one of the leaders of the populist party in Florida when that organization was seeking to overthrow the Democracy of that State; and there was one Miller, from Lake county, who, I am informed, was only a few years ago a candidate for governor of another State on a ticket in opposition to the regularly nominated ticket of the Democratic party.

"These were the leaders in the movement to censure me, and to read me a lesson in democratic faith and party loyalty. I admit that it was pre-eminently proper for them, as individual politicians, to laud the democracy of their illustrious exemplar from Nebraska, but I emphatically deny either their right or their competency to sit in judgment on the character of my democracy.

When these three beautiful variegated politicians, together with their five misguided followers, failed in their manly effort to have the house censure me without a hearing and without notice to me, the further consideration of this most weighty resolution was postponed to a future day, and the house tendered me an invitation to appear and make answer to the serious charges laid at my door."

The Editor's Surprise.

One day last week, while sad and dreary, weak and weary across the asphalt floor, we heard at first a gentle tapping, then it became an earnest rapping, rapping at our sanctum door. "Come in!" we said while we pondered, and in silence still we wondered what for us could be in store; then the door-bolt softly turning in he walked, our cheek was burning though of crimson gore! "Are you the man what does the writing?" (what will rhyme with this but fighting?) quickly thought we o'er "Sir, we are," we gently told him, nodding to the boys to hold him if he tried to beat us sore. "Then you will please give credit opposite that little debt for a dollar more; I like your paper and will take it as long as you strive to make it as good as it has been before." We jumped! He dodged, thus missed him or we surely would have kissed him, even if the boys did roar; so seldom treated in this manner we felt inclined to shout hozaaner--only this and nothing more.--Braidentown Herald.

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SOME LATE FUNCTIONS.

Pleasurable Parties Given the Latter End of the Past Week.

One by one the events contained in Tallahassee's social calendar for the days passed since our last issue have been erased as the functions have taken place and become things of the past.

On Thursday, Mrs. T. M. Shackelford, President of the State Federation of Women's Clubs, entertained at luncheon a number of ladies, the majority of whom represented clubs from the State at large. These were: Mrs. R. P. Hopkins, President of the Woman's Club at Live Oak, and Chairman of the Library Extension Committee of the State Federation; Mrs. Nathaniel Macon Thornton, first Vice-President of the Ormond's Woman's Club; Mrs. Samuel J. Hilburn, of Palatka, President of the Club at that place, and Chairman of the Household Economics Department of the State Federation; Miss Alice Appleyard, Secretary of Lake City's Club, and member of the Forestry Department of the Federation; Mrs. Joseph H. Humphries, President of the Literary Club of Bradenton; Mrs. Charles A. Cay, President of the Tallahassee Woman's Club, and Mrs. Henry T. Felkel, Chairman of the Civics Committee of the same body.

Green and white decorations of roses and fronds of maidenhair fern were lavishly used in the dining room, both as a centerpiece and as place cards on the luncheon table, and the same colors were effectively carried out in the seven course repast which was so heartily enjoyed by all present.

A bridge party given on the same day by Mrs. L. M. Lively was enjoyed by a number of ladies asked to meet Mrs. James E. Broome, of Quincy. The rooms were made beautiful with clusters of purple china asters, and great bowls full of exquisite sweetpeas, and after the game delicious refreshments were enjoyed.

Guests present were: Mesdames Broome, Knowles Jones, of Savannah, W. O. Ames, George Lewis, W. Hunt Harris, of Key West, Howard Gamble, A. L. Bond, Misses Mary D. Lewis, Minnie Lewis and Clyde Raney.

The prize for the highest score, a beautiful bridge whist set in a case, was presented to Mrs. Howard Gamble.

Friday night, in response to a most cordial invitation previously extended to the friends of Miss Clem Hampton--and they are everybody--a brilliant company thronged the parlors of the Leon Hotel to meet in a kind of farewell to those ladies "connected by marriage" with the present Legislature, whose time in Tallahassee is growing so short. Ladies present who were asked to assist Miss Hampton in the reception of her many guests were: Mesdames James G. Gibbs, N. B. Broward, D. P. Pattishall, Park Trammell, Amos, I. N. Withers, J. L. Hilburn, J. H. Humphries, H. H. McCreary, F. M. Hudson, W. M. Girardeau, Thomas M. Shackelford, W. M. Holloway, J. H. Brown, George W. Dayton, B. E. McLin, R. E. Rose, W. R. Hardee, Chas. L. Knowles, W. A. MacWilliams, J. P. Stokes, W. V. Knott, Robert B. Gorman and Miss Alice Theresa Appleyard.

At the east entrance stood Mrs. W. N. Sheets and Miss Lizzie Tatum to receive the guests as they entered the hotel, and at the south entrance, occupied in the same hospitable office, were Mesdames G. Talbot Whitfield and Crosby Dawkins.

Later on dancing was enjoyed by the young people, inspired thereto by music furnished by Miss Whitfield's orchestra, and much drinking of delicious iced-cola lemons from the large punch bowls on the veranda was indulged in throughout the evening.

Governor Gilchrist was the only gentlemen in the receiving line, but being such an inveterate "indies man" he was not at all out of place. And the general percentage of men in attendance was small owing to the late seasons held by both houses of the legislature, but there were enough of the lovely sex present to prevent the function from being entirely a woman's affair. As is usual, when "Miss Clem" is hostess, everything passed off in a delightfully informal way and the evening was heartily enjoyed.

Miss Jessie Edmondson's large and interesting music class gave a delightful piano recital at her home on North Monroe street, on the afternoon of Friday, May 28, from four to six o'clock. After the program, which was pleasingly rendered by the young ladies and gentlemen of the class, refreshments of delicious fruit punch and cake were served.

A Vital Point.

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Col. Inglis Thinks It Repudiation.

He Was Intimate Friend of Governor Drew and Knows of Contract With Col. Wailes.

Tallahassee, May 31, 1909.

Editor True Democrat:

Having learned that an impression exists in Tallahassee to the effect that Governor Drew had no authority to contract with me for the collection of the Indian War Claims, I ask your attention to the act of the Florida legislature of March 2, 1877, authorizing and empowering the governor "to appoint an agent (not an officer) to adjust and settle all claims between the State and the United States Government growing out of the war with the Seminole Indians in the years 1856-1857." Acts of 1877.

In this connection I hand you herewith copy of a letter from Capt. John L. Inglis to Governor Gilchrist, written more than a month before the date of his special message, which copy was sent to me by Capt. Inglis for such use as I might wish to make of it, and which I would very much like to have you print in your columns, in order that it may reach, through your exchange list, every newspaper in the State.

Very truly yours,
S. I. WAILES.

Jacksonville, Fla., April 12, 1909.
His Excellency, Albert W. Gilchrist,
Governor of Florida,
Tallahassee, Fla.

My dear Friend:--I, like many other of your friends, have been somewhat surprised at a report that is going around the country that you would oppose the legislature granting Col. S. I. Wailes' claim for services to be referred to any one of our State courts for adjudication. Personally, I happen to know a good deal in regard to this claim, being a close friend of Gov. Drew, and being with him, both in New York and Washington, at the time he made the contract or agreement with Col. Wailes; in fact, he often consulted me about much that he did--(I having been one of the first, if not the first man, to urge him to run for governor in '76). He stated to me at the time that the State had no money and that he was about to contract with Col. Wailes, at his own expense, to collect the Indian War Claim, which could only be done by getting up all evidence and papers before the officials would pass the claim, and that this had to be done before congress could pass an appropriation. At the same time he stated that the State would be out nothing if they failed to obtain it, hence he would contract to pay Col. Wailes a commission.

Often my old comrade, General Bullock, has told me of the work of Col. Wailes in this case, and the heavy expenditure he knew Wailes was making. I believe that if you will read carefully the evidence taken by the senate committee, with Mr. Blount as chairman, and also the evidence of such men as Bloxham, Judge Rainey, Senator Pasco and General Bullock that you will not hesitate to see the shame of this repudiation should at once be removed from the fair name of the State of Florida. I, for one, would feel mortified should the State of Florida continue to carry the brand of repudiation on account of a violation of a contract under seal, and the refusal to do justice because the constitution will not allow the State to be sued without the consent of the legislature, and the refusal to grant it--our children will never live long enough to see the repudiation removed.

Trust you will pardon me as a friend, who heartily supported you and worked for your election, for writing so strong a letter, but often in my travels in New York City and elsewhere I have heard the matter of this repudiation, among financial men, often commented on as a shame. I beg to state further, somewhat in confirmation of what I say Gen. Bullock told me; I happen to know, on one of my trips to Washington, of Col. Wailes' heavy expense, and the great many men he employed in ferreting out and getting up the evidence and copies of papers required in this case. I have often heard this matter discussed among some of our citizens, who probably may have old-fashioned notions of repudiation and dishonesty, but there are many citizens in Florida, who know this to be a just debt that should be paid.

Sincerely your friend,
JOHN L. ENGLIS.

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