

Good Government; Honesty in Public Office; Equal Justice to All--Special Privileges to None.

Strict Rules of The Primary

New Law Now Operative. No Grafting
Whatever. All Participants There
Must Pay Their Own Poll Taxes.

On June 11th of last year Governor Albert W. Gilchrist signed the primary bill passed by the last legislature, and the same in consequence thereof is a statute of the State of Florida.

This statute, which is chapter 5929 of the laws of Florida, made many changes, of which but few people are familiar with.

The officials call for the primary is not in harmony with the State law, as it allows participants who have paid their poll taxes ten days prior to the primary, while the State law provides expressly that the same shall be paid the month previous to the month in which such primary is held.

The new primary law provides severe penalties and some of its provisions are as follows:

DUTY OF CANDIDATES.

"Section 1. That each and every candidate voted upon in the State and county primaries of the State of Florida be and is hereby required to file in the office of the clerk of the Circuit Court of his county if he is a candidate for a county office, or in the office of the Secretary of State if he is a candidate for a national or State office, not less than ten days before the primary in which he is a candidate, a complete statement in itemized form of his campaign expenses. The statement shall include the names of all the contributors to his campaign fund, whether they be persons or corporations, firms or associations, and their relationship to him by blood, marriage, business or association, political, fraternal or otherwise, and all the expenses incurred as a result of his candidacy, and shall be given under oath, and each candidate voted upon in the State or county primaries, as aforesaid, shall file not later than ten days after the primary in which he is a candidate another statement in the same place as is respectively provided herein for the first statement, and including any, every, and all of the specifications, deviations and requirements of the first statement, naming all the additional expenses incurred by him beside those mentioned in first statement, as above required, up to and including the day of the primary in which he was a candidate, and each candidate furnishing this last statement shall swear at the time that the two statements of campaign expenses herein required include a complete and full account of all the expenses incurred by him as a result of his candidacy.

"Sec. 2. At the time the last statement required in section 1 of this act is given another statement shall be furnished, also under oath, by each and every candidate voted upon in any State or county primary of Florida, giving the names of his political workers and telling for what consideration, if any, such work was done, the term 'political workers' to refer to those who left for a time or part of a time their ordinary avocations to further his candidacy. This statement shall be filed in the office of the clerk of the Circuit Court of his county, or in the office of the secretary of State, according to whether the candidate furnishing it was a candidate for a county or a national or a State office.

ABSENCE OF THE CANDIDATE.

"Sec. 10. No person who is a candidate for any office or who has made known his intention of becoming a candidate, shall donate, contribute or give away, or promise or agree to do so, or encourage any other person to do so for him, any money, intoxicating liquor, or any other thing of value to any person, association or corporation, in an attempt to directly or indirectly influence any person's vote, or influence for or against any candidate. This section shall be construed so as to embrace churches, schools and any and all charitable organizations.

"Sec. 11. It shall be and is hereby declared a misdemeanor for any candidate or other person to have or distribute on the day of the primary at or near any polling place any cards, pictures, literature or other writing against any candidate in the primary.

NO BRIBERY WHATSOEVER.

"Sec. 15. Any person who shall give, send, solicit, request, demand or receive, directly or indirectly, any money, intoxicating liquor, or any other thing of value, of whatsoever nature, and whatsoever, or the promise thereof, to influence a vote or the presence of being used to procure the vote of any other person or persons, or to be used at any poll or other place prior to or on the day of any primary election, for or against any candidate for office, shall be deemed guilty of the heinous crime of bribery and, upon conviction thereof in any court of record, shall be con-

OUR HOME LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY.

First Annual Meeting of Stockholders Held in Jacksonville Recently. At a meeting of the stockholders of Our Home Life Insurance Company held at their offices in the Dyal-Upchurch Building in Jacksonville, on the 25th of January, they elected a full corps of officers and directors for the ensuing year, as follows:

N. B. Broward, J. J. Paul, Geo. L. Drew, H. E. Palmer, George W. Rhodes, Charles L. Leggett, Clifford R. Allen, R. J. Evans, W. H. Milton, D. A. Simmons, Henry M. Lott.

N. B. Broward, President. Clifford R. Allen, 1st Vice President and General Manager.

J. J. Paul, Second Vice President. R. J. Evans, Third Vice President and Secretary.

Geo. L. Drew, Fourth Vice President. W. H. Milton, Treasurer. Henry E. Palmer, Medical Director. Daniel A. Simmons, General Counsel. Walter C. Wright, Consulting Actuary.

The progress of this company has been exceedingly gratifying to the stockholders, among whom are many prominent Floridians; and the company promises to be another advantageous enterprise to the State of Florida, and to Jacksonville.

The inroads made by Southern life insurance companies within the last few years upon the business heretofore written by Eastern and Northern companies has been a subject of frequent comment, and such companies are receiving much encouragement and strong endorsements by the Southern people. There seems no reason why such companies, made up of representative men, should not prove a great success and be of great benefit to this section by staying the present tide of many millions of dollars now going to the East and to the North for life insurance.

The famous little liver pills are DeWitt's Little Early Risers. They are safe, sure, gentle and easy to take. When you ask for DeWitt's Carbolic Witch Hazel Salve, refuse to accept a substitute or imitation. DeWitt's Carbolic Witch Hazel Salve is good for anything when you need a salve, and it is especially good for piles. Sold by all druggists. 50.

tenced to disfranchisement by the judge of such court for a term of not more than ten years, and to the county jail for not less than one year; and for the conviction of a second offense under this section, the first being alleged and proven, such offender shall be, by sentence of the court, forever thereafter disfranchised and deprived of his right to vote at a primary in this State, and to be imprisoned in the State penitentiary not more than five years. Prosecutions may be had under this section by indictment in the Circuit Court or by information in a Criminal Court of Record, and the effect of a sentence of disfranchisement in either of said courts, both having jurisdiction of offenses hereunder, shall be to deprive such person sentenced of the right to vote at any primary in this State for a period of time fixed by the court where such persons shall be convicted under this section.

"Solicitations of any person for a loan or gift of money or the purchase of anything of value, or any other substance shall be deemed a violation of the provisions of this section.

"This section shall be construed so as to embrace any payment or attempt to pay, or solicitation or acceptance of the payment of any poll or capitation tax, or the loan of money therefor, whether it be for the express purpose of influencing any voter or not.

MUST PAY OWN TOLL TAXES.

"Sec. 16. Any tax collector or person acting under his authority or direction, who receives or permits to be received any money or other things of value in payment of poll or capitation taxes, from any person, firm, association or corporation, other by a check, draft or any other method of payment, or any tax collector issuing a poll tax receipt without payment in advance therefor, other than the person whose poll or capitation taxes is to be paid, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than three months; Provided, That nothing in this act shall be construed to prevent any person paying, or any tax collector from collecting the poll tax due by another person from any other person, who shall also pay, upon the request of the person owing the poll or capitation tax, the real and personal taxes of the person for whom he offers to pay the capitation or poll tax; Provided, That where the payment of poll or capitation tax is necessary to qualify voters for participation in the primaries herein provided for, that such poll or capitation tax shall be paid not later than the second Saturday in the month preceding the month in which such primary is held."

Something Of The Florida Baptists.

Almost Doubled Their Missionary
Work Within One Year. Has
570 Churches.

The annual report of the State Mission Board of the Florida Baptist State Convention, read by Rev. S. B. Rogers, was full of interest.

With sadness he referred to the untimely death of the late secretary, Dr. L. D. Geiger. This fact greatly disconcerted the plans so wisely formed, and quite a debt has burdened the Board. Rev. S. B. Rogers was elected as Mr. Geiger's successor and began his work May 1.

The Orphan's Home at Arcadia has been generously maintained. The new building, dining room and sanitarium will soon be finished.

The report pathetically refers to the help extended the aged ministers, the veteran soldiers of the cross, who are nearing the end of their journey.

Emphasis was laid upon the work of ministerial education. The day demands an educated ministry. The churches can no longer be satisfied with pastors who are incompetent.

The supreme aim of the Board has been to win Florida to Christ, always has our State been a mission field. Emigration has within ten years brought more people into the State than are found in active Christian work. We can preach the gospel in twenty-eight tongues in Florida.

Tampa and Jacksonville have problems confronting them which no Southern cities have heretofore been called to solve.

The Baptists began the year with twenty-nine men in the mission fields, and closed it with forty-seven.

Gratifying reference is made to the work of the Home and Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Large plans are urged for the year 1910, and an increase of \$100,000 is asked for the work. The Treasurer's report showed total receipts of \$67,043.11. This sum was expended in supporting the varied work as follows: Associational missions, \$123.05; city missions, \$3,229.58; church buildings in mission fields, \$11,472.97; evangelism, \$1,390.54; State mission, \$15,506.51; cooperative work with the Home Board, \$7,722.51; foreign missions, \$5,544; home missions, \$6,777.79; orphanage, \$6,397.82; Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, \$938; seminary student support, \$353.

Dr. A. S. Pettie read the report of the Home Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. This board has charge of the mission work in destitute lands of the Southland, which cannot be cultivated by our State Boards. This board has done great things for Florida—putting far more money into the work than it has received from the State.

Dr. Pettie followed his report with a speech of much vigor, his flashes of wit greatly pleasing the audience. Rev. D. B. Gray, D. D., the magnetic Secretary of the Home Board, followed with an address of marvelous power, setting forth the work and needs of his board.

The convention represents twenty-five associations, with 570 churches, 430 ministers, 35,317 members, of whom 3,500 were baptized during the past year. The financial reports show that these churches gave over \$74,000 for missionary, educational and other benevolent purposes. They report church property valued at \$750,000. Their contributions for home church expenses aggregate \$150,000 annually. While there are many other Christian people in Florida the Baptist is the most numerous of all the denominations in the State.

HAMLET

Had melancholy, probably caused by an inactive liver. A bad liver makes one cross and irritable, causes mental and physical depression and may result disastrously.

Ballard's Herbine is acknowledged to be the perfect liver regulator. If you're blue and out of sorts, get a bottle today. A positive cure for bilious headache, constipation, chills and fever and all liver complaints. Sold by Hardee-Smith Co., druggists. 50.

A CHINESE VERSION OF A TEACHER.

Teacher, teacher.
All day teacher.
Night grade papers;
No one kisses,
No one hugs,
Poor old maid
No one loves.

More people are taking Foley's Kidney Remedy every year. It is considered the most effective remedy for all kidney and bladder troubles that medical science can derive. Foley's Kidney Remedy corrects irregularities, builds up the system, and restores lost vitality. Burdine's Drug Store. 50.

MRS. HARRIET M. LUDDINGTON.

A Lady Greatly Beloved in Tallahassee Dies in Savannah.

Of the death of Mrs. Harriet M. Luddington, who was so much beloved in Tallahassee a Savannah paper says:

Mrs. Harriet M. Luddington, wife of Maj. Gen. M. I. Luddington, U. S. A., retired, died suddenly in her room at the De Soto at 7 o'clock last night from an acute attack of congestion of the lungs. Her remains will be taken North tomorrow for interment in the Arlington National Cemetery at Washington. Mrs. Luddington was born at Key West, Fla. She was the daughter of Hon. William Marvin, United States Judge for the Southern District of Florida and provisional Governor of Florida after the Civil war. She is survived by her husband only. Gen. and Mrs. Luddington resided in Skaneateles, N. Y. They came to Savannah two weeks ago to spend the winter.

Mrs. Luddington was a woman of charming personality, made friends easily and retained them. She was well known in Florida, her acquaintances there, particularly in Tallahassee, being among the most prominent people. During her brief stay here she and Gen. Luddington met a number of Savannah people, their Tallahassee friends and friends at the North having arranged for their pleasant reception. Mrs. Luddington's sudden death was a shock and a cause of deep sorrow to their friends in Savannah.

WOULD DEVELOP WAKULLA.

What Judge Walker Says of Proposed Road to St. Teresa.

"I see The True Democrat announces that a railroad is to be built from the Seaboard at or near Tallahassee to St. Teresa on the gulf," said Judge W. H. Walker, of Crawfordville. "If it does it will develop some of the finest farming lands in the State of Florida. Prior to the war, the section which this road would traverse was noted for its fine cotton farms, not excelled anywhere in the South. While our lands today are exceedingly productive they are high and dry and healthful. Lands now produce twenty bushels of corn per acre which have been cleared for sixty years, and that without a pound of fertilizer. Tell your projectors that they would do well to build the road. The timber interests are also among the finest in Florida. Not only is the pine abundant, but fine hardwood lands by the hundreds of acres would be traversed."

COUNTY POLITICS.

Chairman Edmondson Not Likely to Set the Ball in Motion Until March.

"When will you call the county democratic executive committee together, and let us get into the political swim?" asked The True Democrat of Chairman J. A. Edmondson yesterday.

"Oh, I don't think the people are particularly hungry for politics," replied he. "About a month hence will do."

It seems to be the purpose of the committee, and also the desire of the candidates, to have a short, snappy contest. They believe that long campaigns engender too much ill feeling.

Chairman Edmondson is not likely to call the committee together until March unless some urgent reason is presented to him.

Going to Thomasville, Quincy or Monticello? Let us take you. Leon Auto Company. 49.

Mr. E. A. Kelley, Belvidere, Ill., writes us: "I am an ex-engineer with 22 years active service to my credit. About three years ago my kidneys were affected so that I had to give up my engine. First I was troubled with severe, aching pains over the hips. Then followed inflammation of the bladder, and specks appeared before my eyes. A sample of Foley's Kidney Pills that I tried, so benefited me that I bought more. I continued to take them until now I can safely testify they have made me a sound and well man." Burdine's Drug Store. 50.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF TEXT BOOKS.

Notice is hereby given that text books for the ensuing term of five years will be adopted by the County Board of Public Instruction for Leon county as provided by law at the regular meeting on Tuesday, April 12, 1910, in the office of the county superintendent at the court house, Tallahassee, Fla. Any publisher desiring to submit specimens of books for consideration in making this adoption will please file same with the county superintendent.

COUNTY BOARD PUBLIC INSTRUCTION OF LEON COUNTY.

By J. E. Patterson, Chairman; E. E. Egan, Secretary; D. H. Cox, Dayson Boatwright. 51.

Awful Death Record In Colorado Mine.

More Than One Hundred Killed By An
Explosion. Bodies Burned
Beyond Recognition

Primero, Colo., Jan. 31.—More than a hundred men are believed to have been killed by a terrific explosion in the Primero mine of the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company at 4:30 this afternoon.

Eight bodies have been recovered, and rescue parties are making desperate efforts to reach the interior workings cut off from the outside by the caving of the main shaft.

Three men were killed at the mouth of the mine slope by the force of the explosion.

Both fans with which the mine is equipped were shattered, and it was impossible to enter the mine until they were repaired at 7:30 tonight.

As soon as the fans were repaired, General Superintendent J. F. Thompson and a rescue party entered by the main air shaft, but were unable to reach the main shaft, which is completely blocked. The party returned to the surface after securing five bodies, which were badly burned.

A party equipped with oxygen helmets replaced this party, the workings were reached through an open air shaft, and are now searching for more bodies.

Miners were rushed to Primero from Trinidad, Segundo, Starkville, Eggle and Cokeville, and are laboring frantically to clear the main shaft, halting each other every few minutes. It is impossible to determine how far the main shaft was caved, and it may be days before the shaft is cleared and the total death list known.

There is little hope that any of the men in the mine are alive. The company clerk reports that 70 safety lamps are missing, and it is sure that that number of men are entombed. Many of the miners, however, say that 150 men are missing.

Most of the men are Slavs and Hungarians, Pit Boss Wilhelm is known to be among the missing.

The camp is a scene of indescribable horror tonight. While every able-bodied man is taking his turn with pick and shovel to clear the shaft, the women and children, kept back by ropes, have gathered about the shaft, weeping and calling wildly upon their loved ones who have not yet been found.

SEVENTY-NINE BODIES FOUND.

Primero, Colo., Feb. 1.—Seventy-nine bodies of the victims of the explosion in the Primero mine were found piled in a mass at the foot of the air shaft shortly after midnight. When the explosion occurred the men evidently made a rush to escape through the air shaft and were suffocated as they battled with each other for freedom. It is shown by the time-keeper's records that there were 149 men in the mine at the time of the explosion. Not one is believed to be alive. The main shaft of the mine is completely wrecked.

Officials of the company state that the disaster is the worst in the history of Western coal mining.

A similar explosion in which twenty-four were killed, occurred in the same property January 23, 1907.

Just anywhere you wish to go. Phone 001 for an automobile. We'll do the rest. 49.

LETTERS TO A DELINQUENT SUBSCRIBER.

"The wind bloweth, the farmer soweth,
The subscriber oweth and the Lord knoweth
That we are in need of our dues,
So come a-runnin', ere we go gunnin',—
We're not funnin', this thing of dunnin',
Give us the everlasting blues." —Ex.

LaGrippe pains that pervade the entire system, LaGrippe coughs that rack and strain, are quickly cured by Foley's Honey and Tar. Is mildy laxative, safe and certain results. Burdine's Drug Store. 50.

PARDON BOARD.

Will Hereafter Meet Only Every Other Month.

At the last meeting of the State Board of Pardons, all members being present, it was ordered that no meeting of the Board of Pardons be held on the first Thursday in February, 1910; and that hereafter, until otherwise ordered, the regular meeting days of the Board of Pardons shall be the first Thursday in the odd numbered months of the year, to-wit, January, March, May, July, September and November.

Chittenden & Co are selling light weight rainproof overcoats at a reduction of five dollars from the regular price. 49.