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THE SENATORIAL RACE.

The present Senatorial race has assumed the same phase as some of the other political contests. It seems not to be a question of which of the candidates is better fitted to represent the people in the Senate of the United States, but rather who is the greater political criminal of the two, according to the speeches and literature of the candidates and their friends. Each would have the voters believe that the other is a political pirate and not fit to appear before an audience of respectable people.

Each candidate claims the other is a negro lover, and thus the race question bobs up into the politics of the white Democratic voters. The utterances and signature of the idol of Southern manhood—Woman—has been brought into the mire and mud of this unclean campaign. Each has been called a grafter and alleged proof presented to sustain the charge. Corrupt politics—present and past—have been charged to each, and one is called a tool of the corporations and the other a demagogue. Nothing has been left unsaid that would reflect on the political characters of the candidates, and their motives have been vehemently denounced from platform and stump.

Some of the most fluent stump speakers in the State have been shooting oratory and denunciations at the voters in every town of any importance in the State, and the mails have been flooded with slanderous literature, half of which has not been read. Money has been turned loose in all quarters, by both sides, and each candidate would buy his way to the Senate if such were possible under the primary.

The "Unterrified," as well as the "Safe and Sane" Democracy, knows its mind. No man can control the votes of but very few, and only a very slight scattering of ballots are purchasable. Every man with intelligence enough to vote the Australian ballot is competent to judge of his own choice and so declare at the polls, so why is it necessary to spend ten, twenty or thirty thousand dollars to "enlighten" the "dear people?"

With the stench of the negro and the foul mud of the Everglades scattered broadcast over her Miss Fair Florida will need fuming before she entertains the "flower of the land" next winter.

We are making no predictions as to the result of the election next week. Therefore we can't say "I told you so," nor have to "eat crow."

STATE NEWS

Last Friday a United States postoffice agent arrived in DeLand to wind up the shortage accounts over which David Hargreaves, former assistant postmaster, committed suicide. The shortage was \$880 and was paid by Jas. W. Perkins and R. M. Boró, his bondsmen. Mrs. Hargreave has stated that the amount would be returned to the bondsmen.

James L. Greer, who was a candidate for county commissioner from district 2 in Pasco county, instituted mandamus proceedings before Judge Wall in the circuit court at Tampa, on May 25, in which a recount and canvass was prayed on account of gross irregularities. After hearing arguments pro and con the proceedings were dismissed, the judge deciding that the matter lay with the Democratic party through its proper committees and was not in the province of the court.

There are ugly rumors afloat that Republicans were allowed in some counties to vote in the Democratic primary election on May 10. If true, it was a violation of the Democratic election law, and the precincts where inspectors allowed such violation the returns should have been rejected by the county committees. The Metropolis favors the primary plan for nominating candidates of the Democratic party, but if it cannot be fairly and squarely done by that

plan it would favor a change. The object of the primary plan was to secure fair and honest results, and if the primary cannot do that let's have some other plan.—Jacksonville Metropolis.

It is now a known fact that Florida's orange crop next season will fall far short of the preceding crop. The cold of December denuded many trees on which little bloom appeared, and the long drouth has caused lots of young fruit to fall where a bloom did appear. When the time comes when a fair estimate can be made it will be seen that next season's crop will not be more than a half or two thirds the size of the past year, but it may bring as much money into the state, for prices last winter ruled very low throughout the shipping season for various causes, mainly the large crop and small sizes.—Deland Record.

There never has been a time in the history of our country when expert and intelligent young men, who have been taught practical life-lessons and thoroughly educated for business, were in such demand as at present. So great is the money capital of our country, so sharp is the competition, so great is the value of time, and so expert have business men become, that young men no longer have a chance to excel, and barely to succeed in any calling unless they are trained directly for this changed condition of the time.—Sanford Herald.

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"Peachie" at the Ball Game.

She—What did the man with the wire over his face say?

He—One ball.

She—I don't understand why he said it.

He—The pitcher threw a ball. That is different from a strike, you know.

She—Of course. Anybody could see he threw a ball. He had it in plain sight in his hand. What else would he be expected to throw?

He—A strike.

She—But the man with the stick does the striking, doesn't he?

He—He strikes, but it's a strike if he misses.

She—There! That man who talks said "Strike" and the man with the stick hadn't stirred.

He—It was a good ball, and he ought to have struck.

She—Well, he didn't, and it isn't fair to treat him that way. Why, now he's dropped the stick and is going away.

He—Yes. He gets his base on four balls.

She—Why, you story-steller, there's only one there. Say, Henry, do the players wear horrid spikes in their gloves?

He—No. The spikes are in the shoes.

She—Dear me, but I should think that would hurt. Why, I had a little nail in my shoe one day and it made me just as lame. What's that man way out there running for?

He—Trying to catch a fly.

She—Now, Harry, you're fooling me. The idea of making all that fuss over a fly! And it's too early in the season, anyhow. We haven't put up our screens yet.

He—Hello! A squeeze play! Bully!

She—What kind of a play is that?

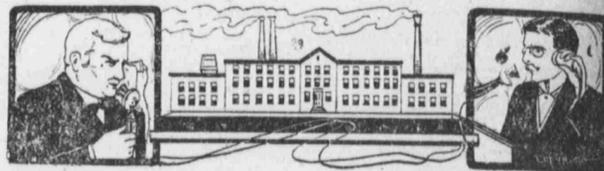
He—My dear girl, you have caught the general plan of the game beautifully but the squeeze play is too technical. I will explain that the next time we come.

She—Oh, will you bring me again? When shall we come?

He—The boss says I may have another afternoon off in 1915.—Ex.

Its Next Visit.

Will folks be sailing in the air.
When the comet comes again?
Will travel then be mostly there,
When the comet comes again?
Will scientific men agree
On what its form and power be,
If it has two tails or has three,
When the comet comes again?
Will Bryan still be a candidate,
When the comet comes again?
Will on the tariff men debate,
When the comet comes again?
Will nations with peace on their lips
Conventions hold for war's eclipse,
But go ahead and build big ships,
When the comet comes again?
Will natural gas light up our homes,
When the comet comes again?
Will graft be barred from city domes,
When the comet comes again?
Will school board members sweetly
blend,
On public good will bosses tend?
Will Teddy's travels be at an end,
When the comet comes again?
Will St. Lucie county have good roads
When the comet comes again?
Or blind tigers cease to furnish "loads"
When the comet comes again?
Will Riley Johnson or Fred Fee's deeds
In the legislature help our needs,
Or Broward's acts stop railroad greeds,
When the comet comes again?



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