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Fifty Millions
For Roads.

State Senator Stringer, of Brooksville, so the news from Tallahassee says, will fight for his proposed fifty million dollar bond issue for good roads to the last ditch. His bill provides for this stupendous bond issue to be paid in fifty years and calls for a system of state roads that will connect each county seat with at least two other county seats in the state.

The Pensacola Journal, along with the great majority of Florida people, has never taken the Stringer proposition seriously, but is ready to admit that the proposal, however audacious, has in itself been conducive of good. The very fact that any considerable number of intelligent people could contemplate spending \$50,000,000 on Florida roads at one time, has concentrated the attention of the state on the condition of the country roads and has moreover centered the attention of the entire country on Florida.

We do not hesitate to say the plan is impracticable. Should Florida issue \$50,000,000 in bonds, they could not be sold, except perhaps at ruinous rates and even if by chance they should be sold, the main object of the plan would be defeated. Homeseekers would not fall over each other in frantic haste to buy property in a comparatively new and sparsely settled state carrying such a bond issue.

Florida does need a system of state highways and this need is for the present time. We want these roads now. This is one of the important questions which the present legislature is called upon to settle. It is a great and vital problem and should be dealt with wisely and carefully.

The convict lease system will have to take the plank. Modern civilization demands this and we believe that these two problems may in some way be settled in conjunction. The abolition of the lease system should be made to contribute to the establishment of the state system of hard roads.

Mexico and China both want to borrow money. Many other people in the same fix.

Santa Rosa County
Edition Next Sunday.

For several weeks The Journal has been working on a special Santa Rosa County Edition which is now almost complete and which will appear next Sunday.

The Journal has issued numerous county editions, but this will be the largest, and perhaps the best, that it has ever compiled.

It amazed The Journal, as it will no doubt amaze the public, to find the wealth of material which Santa Rosa county affords for a work of this kind. The county is large in area, but its heavy timbered sections which heretofore have prevented the settlement of its land for farming purposes and the lack of adequate rail and wagon road transportation, which is now being supplied, have kept the outside world from realizing how rich this county is in soil resources and what tremendous possibilities lie within its borders.

Next Sunday, The Journal will tell something of the vastness and richness of Santa Rosa county and we know it will prove an interesting story.

Tariff Reform
Sure to Come.

No tariff law was ever enacted that was not to some degree the result of a compromise. The spirit of give and take must be employed, although in our high protection laws, it was usually the spirit of "take" that predominated. General Winfield Scott Hancock was laughed at when he said the tariff was a local issue. Under the idea of protection, it is that, pure and simple.

But the democratic doctrine does not recognize the principle of protection. The Baltimore platform declares for a tariff for revenue only and the present indications are, at the final showdown, all the democrats in congress will vote for the Underwood tariff bill when it

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comes out of committee, although certain items in some of the schedules may be objectionable to a few of the members.

Economic conditions demand a general reduction of the tariff all along the line. The high cost of living makes it a necessity. The democratic party demands it and the republicans were swept from power as if by a cyclone because they broke faith with the public on this question.

Business has been adjusting itself to the coming reduction in tariff taxes for some time and with the enactment of the measure now being created the cost of living will begin to gradually be reduced. And no healthy and legitimate business will be interrupted.

The esteemed Times-Union is violently opposed to Senator Stokes's "mental anguish" bill. Of course.

Cost of Navy
Construction.

Some genius with a head for statistics has been making up some comparative tables relative to the cost of some of the items in the maintenance of a modern navy. It costs \$1,050 to fire one shot from a thirteen-inch gun. The damage to the gun is \$555, making a total cost of \$1,605. This amount would pay a good country school teacher three years or would give a boy a four-year course at a college or university. A thirteen-inch cannon costs \$55,569. That is a great deal more than many high schools or churches cost. The cost of what is termed a superdreadnaught is \$15,000,000. This will build 6,000 new homes at \$2,500 each.

One modern battleship would build 15,000 miles of hard road. If the entire cost of the maintenance of the navy were spent in road building, it would only be a few years before the United States would have the best system of hard roads known to civilization. The question might be asked, which serves the nation most, its ships or its roads?

Of course adequate armament for our national defense is necessary and this is intended as no argument for a weak and ineffective navy. It is written to show the force of comparative statistics and to illustrate the fearful

costs of war. Even the fear of war, however remote, is taking billions of dollars from the people. But the red phantom of war is forever in view.

After the Pistol
Toting Deputies.

The bill prohibiting the wholesale appointment of deputies by the sheriffs, now pending in the legislature, is a meritorious one and should be and doubtless will be enacted into a law. It is an indication of a healthy condition of affairs for the legislature to take steps to do away with this horde of pistol-toting deputies.

In some of the counties of the state conditions along these lines were unsavory. Dozens of deputies were appointed in order that they might have a sort of legalized right to pack a gun and scores of other useless deputies were appointed for political effect. In some instances this great army of deputies were far below the average as law-abiding citizens. To call them peace officers would be ridiculous. At times they turned the administration of justice into a farce.

The proposed law requires that each deputy shall give a bond of \$1,000 payable to the governor.

For good hard scrappers, the Daughters of the American Revolution are commended.

Spring has come. The grown folks up in Alabama have discarded their shoes. The children went barefooted all the winter.

Colonel Roosevelt, Mr. La Follette and Mr. Beveridge have already thrown their hats into the ring.

If the consumer and the producer get together, what will become of the poor middleman?

Now watch brave Claude L'Egale humiliate the proud and haughty senator.

Shooting at King Alfonso is getting to be a habit.

Is there a Mr. Pankhurst?

Remember that your town is what you make it.

It is almost as dangerous to be a king as a baseball umpire.

After all, Vardaman went to Washington without a hair cut.

FLORIDA AND
FLORIDIANS

PEN AND PEN—
Senator John Stokes is all to the good. He is doing just what the people of Escambia county elected him to do.—Santa Rosa Star.

Pullets or Preps—
If the state of Florida held a beauty show, DeLand would send more exhibitors than Pensacola and Tampa combined.—DeLand News.

FLA AND FLA—
A Great Opportunity—
One of the great needs of Milton and Santa Rosa county is a canning factory. Here is an opportunity for a small investment that would pay the promoter handsomely and be beneficial to the entire county.—Santa Rosa Star.

Resting—
Calhoun county's special fish law took effect on the 15th of April and makes it an offense to fish in any manner in the lakes and streams of fresh water in the county between the 15th day of April and the 1st day of June. For this reason the anglers had to lay aside the rod and reel last Tuesday.—Calhoun Times.

Out of Sight—
Say, Hub, you of the Gazette, where are all those Milton widows you were raving about? All the ladies we have seen in this town look good enough to be just sweet sixteen. Milton can beat the world on pretty girls, but where are the widows?—Santa Rosa Star.

VOX POPULI.

SAYS IT'S NOT THE SALOONS
BUT THE ABUSE OF THEM

Editor Pensacola Journal.
There is a continuous stream of well meaning but narrow viewed people who are forever trying to compel their fellow men to do as they do: They have adopted certain lines of conduct, mostly severe and Puritanical; and, even as an Irishman thinks there is no place like Ireland, they are convinced that their noses point to the one and only road leading to happiness here and hereafter.

Perhaps there is no question concerning which these thoroughgoing people are so rampant (and with some reason) as the saloon question. There is no doubt that ever since wine was discovered in the far-off days of the Old Testament there have been saloons; and so long as the world lasts there will be saloons. One little crowd will disestablish them and another will reestablish them, here and there, and now and again, away down through the centuries.

I am of opinion that it is not the saloons but the abuse of them which causes all the trouble. I call to mind the advice of the late King Edward's physician when, after a severe illness, the king asked him what he should eat and drink and might he smoke, to which the reply was, "Eat what you like and drink what you like and smoke if you wish to, but do it all with moderation and good sense."

Mustard and pepper and vinegar and tea and coffee and all kinds of nice things are bad for us, yet we enjoy them and live, and we don't close the coffee houses because our insides are being tanned a rich, dark brown; nor we just shuffle along and have another and make the best of it under the distressing circumstances.

Mark Twain complained that some people wanted him to "drink what he didn't want and eat what he'd druther not" so he did as he pleased and got and gave much pleasure in life. Education, the abolition of the trust game, shorter hours of labor, the introduction of more machinery and labor saving devices both for house work and factory, better wages, increase of production and simplifying of distribution of food will all tend to elevate the masses. The laborer who carries planks ten hours a day runs for beer as a duck runs for water. Someone has said that, when tired, a man drinks and a woman cries; when life is simplified, and the chase for the dollar is less strenuous, a large proportion of the beers and tears will cease to flow.

PARENTS REGRETTED
UNAVOIDABLE ACCIDENT

Editor Pensacola Journal:
Will you kindly allow us space in your paper to thank Mr. Wilcox and the recorder for the interest taken in our son, Joseph O'Connell, in regard to the bicycle accident upon the hill. The accident was unavoidable as the hill is so steep.

Joseph was awfully sorry and we earnestly hope the little girl is not seriously wounded. We also hated for Joseph to be arrested at the age of 14 as he was so young to have to appear in court. Joseph was educated at the convent school and hated so bad for the Sisters of Mercy to read that he was under arrest.

We again thank the little girl's father and city officials for their kindness in reminding Joseph's fine and looking at the matter in the light in which they did. Thanking you in advance for the space in your paper, we remain

Very respectfully,
MR. AND MRS. J. J. O'CONNELL.

"It looked like a duel between the parson and the choir," smilingly remarked Postmaster Burleson in relating a little incident that occurred in Texas. "And at the end of the ninth inning the score seemed to be in favor of the singers.

"It was at the morning service, and the minister sitting in the pulpit with a dignified expression, listened to the singing of the usual anthem. Then he arose and announced in a loud, clear voice:

"My text will be, 'Now, When the Uproar Had Ceased.'
For a moment the members of the choir looked as if they had been fed on persimmons instead of peaches, and then they got together and in the

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softest kind of whispers began to talk it over.
As a result of the subdued conference a slight change was made in the musical programme, and when the sermon had ended and the organ again pealed forth, the choir sang:
"Now it is High Time to Awake After Sleep."—Exchange.

He—She has everything she needs to make her happy.
She—But it's the things she does not need that a woman needs to make her happy.—Rochester Times.

DOCTORS USE THIS FOR ECZEMA

Dr. Evans, Ex-Commissioner of Health, says: "There is almost no relation between skin diseases and the blood." The skin must be cured through the skin. The germs must be washed out, and so salves have long ago been found worthless. The most advanced physicians of this country are now agreed on this, and are prescribing a wash of wintergreen, thymol and other ingredients for eczema and all other skin diseases. This compound is known as D. D. D. Prescription for Eczema.

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