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Honestly there hasn't been a new candidate for governor announced in about two weeks. It's about time other precincts were being heard from.

Here is a chunk of wisdom we ran across the other day which seems to fit many of us: "He who busies himself with his own duties and works, has no time to meddle and interfere with the duties and works of his neighbor."

Hon. W. B. Lamar is having considerable opposition in his race for Congress in the third district, but his brilliant record in Washington should insure his re-election. His congressional career has reflected honor on Florida.—Punta Gorda Herald.

The prohibitionists gained the victory in Putnam county and that county is now regularly entered in the tall "dry" column. A few more years and we venture the assertion that, barring State prohibition, there won't be a half dozen "wet" counties in the State.

The seventeenth annual reunion of Florida Confederate Veterans will be held in Pensacola Oct. 23-24. Pensacola is a hospitable city and the people over there just know how to make it pleasant for visitors, and the "Old Johnnie" who wants a sure enough good time will be sure to have it if he will go to the re-union in that city.

We are always willing to listen to suggestions. As to whether these suggestions will change our policy or not is another matter. Some editors are in the asylum and some are in their grave from listening to suggestions and acting upon advice and trying to please everybody. As neither one of these places look inviting to us we prefer our present abode. This means that the Reporter-Star is edited by one editor.—Orlando Reporter Star. And the same conditions exist in the office of the New Enterprise.

The whiskey advocates won out in Escambia county but the majority was one of which they have no right to be proud—only one hundred and ninety two with more than thirty-two hundred votes cast. Sixteen out of the twenty-three precincts of the county were carried by the dry forces. The Pensacola papers give the credit (?) of the victory for the liquor interests to the negro voter who rallied about six hundred strong and voted the "wet" ticket almost to a man. Really, we think the good people of Pensacola and Escambia county have every reason to congratulate themselves on the truly remarkable record made by them, and they should feel greatly encouraged to keep up the fight every hour of the time between now and the time when, under the law, they may hold another election.

That Congress may make a dry town out of Washington is beginning to be feared by liquor interests in the capital city. The great temperance wave which has been sweeping over the country for the past two years is bound to have an echo in Washington, and it is already apparent that temperance advocates in and out of congress propose to carry on an active campaign this winter to suppress the sale of liquor in the District of Columbia. There are not twenty members in the House who would have the temerity to vote against such a bill, and it Speaker Cannon allows it to be voted upon its passage through the lower branch of congress is assured. In the Senate the situation is, of course, different, and it is upon this body that the temperance advocates intend devoting most of their attention in the hope of forcing a vote.—Washington Letter.

We don't know whether or not liquor is being illegally sold in either town or county. We have been told that liquor can be obtained easily by those in search of it. If such be the case in the county then it is up to the Sheriff to do his duty and make a few arrests, and we believe he will do it if he can get the evidence to work on. If such conditions obtain in the town the Town Marshal also has a duty to perform which he would do well to look after. What we started out to say is simply this: That if any arrests have been made or are to be made for the illegal sale of intoxicating liquors, it is to be hoped that if convictions follow in the court which convenes next week that his Honor, the judge, will impose such sentences as will put an effectual quietus on the "blind tiger" industry in this community for a long time to come.

If Hon. Henry Gassaway Davis, at the age of 84, is young enough to run for governor of West Virginia, we don't know what's the matter with ex-governor Bloxham running for governor of Florida at the youthful age of 72.—Ocala Banner. Come to think of it, we don't know what's the matter either, except that it would be cruel to disturb the distinguished gentleman's "love's young dream" with a miserable political fight. But then, if he's willing to be so disturbed why we've no kick.

The Orlando Reporter says that "before the freeze the tax rate for the State was 3½ mills. After the freeze it was reduced to 1½ mills. Now it is 7½ mills. Do we need another freeze, another squeeze, or more B's." A little game of "freeze" might help matters powerfully and at the same time reduce the millage, but the "freeze" to be effectual ought to be confined to several departments housed in the big building with a cupola up at Tallahassee.

Wouldn't it be a good idea for a delegation of the business men of Madison to appear before the Railroad Commissioners on the date set aside, 20th inst., and show existing reasons why the Seaboard railway should furnish us a passenger depot commensurate with our necessities? Think over this proposition, gentlemen. The Commission is ready to do its part but must have evidence upon which to issue its order in the premises.

That "coming-out" convention proposed by editor Harris of the Banner, is going to materialize sure enough, and Nov. 15th, which falls on Friday, has been selected as the day. All candidates for State and United States official positions are cordially invited to be present and the good people of Ocala are hopeful that they will be permitted to entertain thousands of other good citizens on that day as well. Quite a number of candidates will doubtless "come-out" at that time and we'll be badly mistaken if some of them don't in after days count the occasion as a "black Friday" in their lives.

Most anybody can edit a newspaper and make it interesting for a while. Some people can keep up the interest for a month or two without fagging, but it takes a natural born pencil shaver and a hard worker to grind out an interesting batch of local and editorial items week after week for a term of years. There is no profession that is more exhausting or less remunerative for the work than the editorial or journalistic profession, but few believe this.—Palatka News.

Franklin county remains in the "wet" column but only by a small majority of twenty-one. Carrabelle, which is a seaport town, voted "dry."

Col. Robert Davis predicts that Tampa will in a few years be the largest city in all the South—excepting only New Orleans.

The University of Florida opened last week with an enrollment that was very encouraging for the first day, and the prospects are good for the best year of its history.

Editor Appleyard of the Index announces that he has gotten \$15,000 pledged as a starter for the yarn mill he is working for at Lake City.

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