

THE OCALA BANNER

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MOTTO: THE BANNER, BELIEVING THOSE AT THE TOP WELL ABLE TO TAKE CARE OF THEMSELVES, HAS TAKEN ITS STAND IN THE BARRICADES WITH THE COMMON PEOPLE AND ITS FIGHT WILL BE MADE FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THOSE AT THE BOTTOM.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27, 1905.

There is one lonesome democrat in the Pennsylvania state senate.

Just now the best crop to be planted is turkeys—hogs are a good crop all the time.

The Jacksonville Metropolis has got a hump on it as big as you please, and is humping along like an auto at Ormond.

Mr. Allan Rodgers made one of the most enthusiastic speeches at the Good Roads convention now being held at Jacksonville.

General Nelson A. Miles is attending the Good Roads convention at Jacksonville. He was profoundly pleased with the greeting he received.

We have a William J. Bryan magazine, we have a Tom Lawson magazine, and now we have a Tom Watson magazine. —Cincinnati Times-Star.

One Denver man says that he voted forty times in the recent Colorado state election, and only got fifty cents a vote. And Crumpacker is never saying a word.

The Palm Beach News states a most important truth when it says "good roads makes good markets and good markets make good farmers and good farmers make good times."

It is bad enough that a judge should soil his ermine but it is worse that his hands should be upheld by high officials because they feel that a republican office-holder in the south "can do no wrong."

A Springfield (Mass.) judge holds that four drinks a day constitute a "liquor habit," while in Chicago, Ill., a court of equal jurisdiction decided that forty drinks a day gave no ground for divorce.

Dr. Sledd and Prof. McBeath are to discuss compulsory education. The discussion promises much good for the thoughtful citizen who believes in placing the citizenship upon a high plane. —Apalachicola Times.

John Temple Graves is full of praise for the president. Says he is clean and honest and a friend to the south. We hope Mr. Graves' praise is well bestowed and that all he says of the president is true.

General Gilchrist, the statesman from DeSoto, says he will be elected speaker of the next house of representatives, and some of his friends are grooming him to be Florida's next governor. —Volusia County Record.

A Berlin paper says the Japanese army facing Gen. Kuropatkin's forces have been reinforced by 385 siege guns recently used in the investment of Port Arthur and about 39,600 men, with 1,254 guns now facing the Russian forces at Mukden.

Ex-Senator Call wishes to resurrect the whig party. Is this a confession that the principles so forcibly discussed and expounded by Mr. Call in times past, were wrong? It would seem so. —Apalachicola Times.

Ex-Senator Call, "in times past," was a whig, and Clay said, "once a whig always a whig."

After congress finishes up with Judge Swayne it should turn its attention to Judge Pardee. If he actually believes that republicans ought not to punish republicans, ought to "stand together," as it were, he's got no business being on the bench. He has soiled his ermine.

SOME FLORIDA INCIDENTS. No. IV.

To the Editor of the Ocala Banner. It is a mistake to suppose that everybody in the south before the civil war were secessionists as well as to believe that everybody across the line were abolitionists.

The growth of the abolition sentiment in the north, where slavery had proven unprofitable, made possible the secession movement in the south and the two together made war inevitable.

The whigs in the south, as a rule, were loyal unionists, and the democrats, with here and there conspicuous exceptions, were secessionists.

Governor Richard K. Call, Colonel George T. Ward, and some other very eminent statesmen in Florida, took very strong ground against secession. But, as the slavery agitation increased, the secession movement gained momentum like a gathering tornado and the efforts of these men, popular and eloquent as they were, proved futile to stem the on-rushing tide.

The ordinance of secession was passed January 21st, 1861, by a vote of 62 to 7.

Still very few thought that actual war would follow, and the proceedings were very generally regarded as a holiday performance.

Soon after the celebration of the states' withdrawal from the union and the patriotic sacrifice of the candles (as already described in a previous article in the illumination of the city in which I was then a youthful resident) a dispatch was received from Tallahassee by the brigadier-general of militia to proceed at once to the capture of the arsenal at Chattahoochee.

Here, indeed, was the appearance of "red handed war" and a scene, entirely different from the joyful demonstration of the week before, ensued.

Mothers, wives and sisters flocked to the churches and held public prayers and the night is remembered in that little city as one of lamentations.

A military company had already been organized, which was composed of the flower, manhood and chivalry of the little community, and this company was placed by orders from the "seat of government" under the command of the brigadier-general.

All the vehicles of every description in the little city were pressed into service and in that way the first Florida troops marched forth to war! The company reached its point of destination just before day and at this supreme moment a "consultation of war" was held.

Those familiar with the arsenal at that time will remember that there was a board fence surrounding it and on the inner inclosure a brick wall with large gates at the four cardinal points.

It was determined that this company should be divided into four squads, each placed under a commissioned officer, and were to march simultaneously and when the four gates were reached it was to become known by the explosion of sky rockets into the air.

This was done and the four squads were drawn up in "battle array" and the brigadier-general sent in a flag of truce demanding the "immediate and unconditional surrender" of the arsenal.

The arsenal was in command of Corporal Carpenter, who afterwards served faithfully throughout the war as an officer in a Florida regiment of which the writer was a high private in one of the rear ranks.

Corporal Carpenter's army consisted of himself, his twelve year old son and a mulatto servant, but the strength of his command was entirely unknown to the brigadier-general and his attacking forces.

He received the messenger with the flag of truce with soldierly dignity and asked for an "hour in which to take the matter under consideration." During this time, with his little army (son and servant) he placed a big brass cannon at each of the four closed gates and when he opened them with a show of hostile demonstration, things began to look like actual war had begun a of the attacking

force, it was told, had sudden and severe attacks of "ague!" and when the hour was ended and the commandant of the United States arsenal made an "unconditional capitulation to superior numbers" they were very much surprised but no less gratified to learn the size of Corporal Carpenter's force and this "incident" was the talk of the community until graver events engaged their attention.

The writer kept for a long time a letter he received from Chattahoochee the next day written by a member of the company, dated from the "Seat of War," and written in a running, pleasing and jocular vein. Little did the writer dream that actual war would soon follow. He was one of the earliest to enlist, and joined the first regiment that left the state for the Virginia army and in one of the first battles was struck immediately over the heart by a cannon ball and torn to pieces.

Brave Leigh Read Westcott! Florida never gave birth to a nobler son!

SWAYNE AND LOCKE.

Mr. Davis of Florida. I wish to say to the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. Powers) that, as one of the representatives from Florida, I thank him for what he has kindly said of us.

I desire to say, further, that we have two federal judges in my state, one for the northern and the other for the southern district. They are both northern men and both republicans. The judge of the southern district is James W. Locke, and there is no man in Florida more honored, more loved, and more respected by the people of that state than Judge Locke. [Loud applause.]

Mr. Powers, of Massachusetts. I thank the gentleman from Florida for his statement concerning the matter. It covers the situation which I assumed existed in the south. I have talked with lawyers upon the floor of the house, and I find that that situation exists in nearly all the states of the south.—Congressional Record.

Praising Broward.

Governor Broward should be strongly commended in the stand which he has taken in favor of schools of the state. He has stated in his inaugural address that he was in favor of better common schools. It is there that the foundation of the coming man and woman is laid. With better common schools we can be assured of brighter students. It is claimed that three-fourths of the children never enter college and if it were one-half, it behooves us to devote the best work and highest advantages to the common schools, that they may be made as thorough as possible.—Palm Beach News.

Besmirching His Ermine.

That "politics" has degenerated so low that men will lie to get into office or steal to "keep up appearances" is monstrous, but it is infinitely more to be deplored that a judge among men should besmirch his sacred ermine by stooping to the methods of pot politicians whose places are sometimes secured by base and damnable methods. Florida has more to regret on that line, than has yet been published in book form.—Florida Christian Advocate.

Senator Taliferro continues to keep busy. He has introduced a bill granting an increase of pension to Col. L. J. Parr, of this city; a bill granting a pension to Capt. W. H. DeLong, of Candler; a bill granting an increase of pension to Stephen Dampier; a bill for the relief of the estate of S. Powell; a bill for the relief of Salvador Costa; a bill for the relief of Andrew Hodges; a bill for the appointment of Archer B. Hays to the grade of captain and quartermaster in the United States army, and is looking after the rivers and harbors in his district. He is quite a busy senator.

The Ocala Banner is advertising for several Flaglers to locate in its incomparable midst. In this instance the Tribune also extends a royal welcome to such monied princes to locate in Tampa. We need about a dozen Flaglers here the year round. —Tampa Tribune.

IN REPLY TO THE METROPOLIS.

The recent editorial in the Jacksonville Metropolis, indulging in ridicule of the efforts of Gainesville, Ocala and other interior cities of Florida to secure equitable freight rates, has brought on a fair-sized storm which may develop into a destructive cyclone before the commercial skies clear again.

In effect, the Metropolis boldly admits what we all know—that the railroads discriminate in favor of Jacksonville—and flippantly invites the "kickers" to come to that city if they want to carry on business. This, too, in spite of the fact that almost the entire wholesale trade of Jacksonville comes from these same interior towns.

Does the Metropolis voice the sentiments of the business men of Jacksonville? We would like to know. Are the men whose goods we buy, whose large mercantile establishments we keep up by our patronage, and whom we are assisting to build a great state metropolis, our friends, they will be willing to take for themselves only those trade advantages to which they are justly entitled by reason of Jacksonville's superior natural position, leaving the ultimate outcome to friendly competition and business sagacity. If they are our enemies, they have but to reiterate the sentiments expressed by the Metropolis, and we will know that they mean to take everything in sight, regardless of consequences or the rights of others.

Discrimination, like a vampire, is sucking the life-blood of the interior, and in the end will bring disaster upon the entire state, the railroads and Jacksonville as well.

It is the interior upon which Jacksonville must build her hopes of greatness, and if her greed for present gain she takes from it the right to do business and manufacture there will be a day of reckoning, not far distant, when she will wake up to find that she has outgrown herself by killing off her sources of trade. Every business house or manufacturing enterprise that she takes from Gainesville, Ocala or any other interior city cuts an artery that would supply her heart with its life-blood, and it behooves her business men to go slow about bringing on a fight in which they would have lived up against them as antagonists practically every customer they have in the state.

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There are scores of business men in the state who do not intend to move to Jacksonville, nor do they propose to abandon that section of the state—viz. the interior—upon which their metropolitan city feeds and grows great, for that would mean instant disaster to all, and some of us, leaving out the question of cold commercialism, have a little sentiment about seeing our home towns, as well as the whole great and beautiful state, grow and prosper. In fact, many of us are determined to stay right where we are and do business, and we believe the Florida Railroad commission will help us to do it. Should the commission refuse to grant the reasonable demand for an equitable adjustment of certain freight rates recently put before it in an able manner by Mr. W. B. Taylor, of the Gainesville Board of Trade, the people of Florida will then know how great is their danger, and will act accordingly.



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