

ANOTHER MAN AGIN' 'EM.

Concerning Bonds—Several Reasons Why We Should Not Have Them.

To the Editor of the Ocala Banner:

Having been requested by a leading citizen of Marion county to write an article for publication in regard to the question of issuing bonds to raise funds to pay for enlarging the court house at Ocala and to give my reasons for opposing the bonding of the county for that purpose, I ask that you give me space in your paper to say a few words in regard to the above named measure.

There are several reasons why I am opposed to bonding the county for the purpose above named. We have managed to make out with the court house as it is for a number of years and can do so longer if need be, and then we will have to pay so much, with bonds \$31,000 interest for the use of \$50,000, is, according to my way of thinking, a large amount of interest to have to pay. For me to pay 81 cents and only get 50 cents worth of goods, is to my notion, paying dear for the whistle, especially if I buy something I could do without.

Another reason why I oppose this issue of bonds in question is that I believe it will be but the entering wedge to be used as a plea for more bonds in the future. Get one election in favor of bonds and ere long I fear that there will be more improvements needed so badly that the dear people will be asked for another issue of bonds to make them, and it will be a great deal larger one next time. I base this opinion upon what has transpired elsewhere. Take for example, the county of Duval. Notwithstanding the fact that it has already a bonded indebtedness of \$400,000 there was an effort made in the last legislature to create a board of bond commissioners with power to recommend the additional amount of \$100,000 worth of bonds to be issued, if in their judgment it were needed for the improvement of roads in the county and to pledge all the taxable property in the county for the payment of the bonds. So you can see to what extent the sentiment in favor of bonding for fancied improvements sometimes reaches, and there are those in the said county anxious to issue bonds for educational purposes also.

Another reason is that in some cases it engenders ill feelings among the citizens of a county, as has been the case in Hillsborough county where it led to a series of litigations in the courts and the past grand jury was anxious to know what had become of the money obtained from the sale of \$400,000 worth of bonds that had been ordered to be issued.

Another reason I offer is that I am opposed to an interest bearing debt for the coming generation to have to pay and my vote will never help to create a bonded indebtedness for my children to pay when I am dead.

Besides, the present condition of the county is, I believe, as good or better able to pay her debts, as it will be twenty years hence, for then timber and turpentine will have become scarce in this country and no doubt much of the land now being used for those purposes will have gone to the state for taxes and almost in a worthless condition.

For another reason, I have no assurance that an addition to the present court house will give satisfaction for but a short while. As was the case with the present one it was praised and considered all right at first but in a few years other counties built more costly ones and ever since the cry has been given for a larger, finer and costlier courthouse. Still another reason is that we have no assurance that we will get through paying when we pay up the \$37,000, we have paid and are to pay (this includes the cost of the court house we now have) from the fact that we cannot tell how many broken banks and defaulting tax collectors, with failing county treasurers may effect our financial condition during the next twenty years.

And the last reason I offer for opposing issuing of bonds for the purpose named is that I do not believe it to be absolutely necessary to do

so in order to make the additions that are really needed in the case.

I am told, and by one of the board of county commissioners, (if I understood him correctly) that there will be about \$8,000 of the past year's taxes to be used for the work in question, with next year's collection, \$8,000, more can be obtained; the rent and sale of the armory would bring about \$4,000 additional, making approximately \$20,000, that can be used to make the improvements sought, add to that a sufficient amount of county warrants to meet the deficiency and pay them \$5,000 per year until paid, and such a course of action would result in the saving of about \$20,000 to the tax payers of Marion county.

In conclusion I will say that I desire the voters of Marion county to consider the question of bonds in all directions and all who can do so, go to the polls on the day of election and vote for the best interests of the county, the best interests for himself and family and of coming posterity by voting against bonds.

Your humble servant and fellow citizen.

B. I. HULL.

P. S. Some tell us that bonds will raise the taxes of the poor man from fifty cents to a dollar a year, please remember that in 20 years it amounts to a nice little sum and only a little over half to go on the court house, the remainder into the bondholder's pocket.

The League and the Library.

To the Editor of the Ocala Banner:

That the public may not be left in the dark as to the wisdom of voting for the Epworth League in the library contest, I have been requested to state the facts in regard to the position of the league.

The library contest will not be a denominational affair. While the officers of the league are Methodists, the membership is composed of members of different denominations, and hence we could not afford to have denominational literature for a public library. The books for which we are contesting illustrate how undenominational it would be.

It will be no "pent up Utica." The rooms for the library have been engaged and are centrally located. The public will have easy access to the books and other reading matter from about 4 to 9 p. m. One room will be used exclusively for the library and reading room, and one for innocent games and pastime. The books must remain in the room, but the reader will be protected from disturbing noise.

It has long been the hope and purpose of the league to provide an attractive place for the public in general, but for young men and ladies in particular, and the present offer of our merchants has inspired us to renewed effort.

We make no fight against other claims, but we do make a fight for a library that shall be for the public. We only ask the public to consider the merits of our plan, and vote for what they think will be the greatest good to the greatest number. The last count was quite interesting. Thanks.

LEAGUER.

Injured at Crystal River.

Mr. F. H. Robinson, a partner in the Oxford Crate company, at Crystal River, had the misfortune to have one of the weights of the dry kiln to fall on him Tuesday morning. The weight struck the unfortunate gentleman on the head and in the stomach, injuring him very seriously. He was brought up to Ocala on a special. Drs. Smith and Hood, of this city, met him at Leroy and have taken him to the Marion county hospital, where every attention is being given him.

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STILL ANOTHER LAMENTATION.

Mr. V. P. Smith Makes Jeremiah Appear Smaller than 30 Cents.

CENTRAL, FLA., June 22, 1905.

To the Editor Ocala Banner:

Please allow me space in your paper to thank the board of county commissioners for answering my questions. I admit that you have the right to expect the people of the county to stand by you on the bond question, but I have the right to think as I please and to vote as I please.

I favor adding all necessary room to the court house, but I oppose the bond issue from neck to narrative and from heel to hat band. I cannot for the life of me see how thinking men can arrive at the conclusion how a bonded debt can be to the interest of the people of Marion county or any other county.

The gentlemen of the board say that the cost of the building will only be \$81,000. If I were a betting man I would wager the skin of a skunk against either or all of their top knots that before it is completed it will cost \$100,000, and the poor old farmer will have the most of it to pay.

I see where one wag, who has got more gab than brains, says the railroads pay one-third of the taxes. I will not ask the honorable board where they get their money from but will ask that question of the farmers.

In a few years the turpentine interests and the saw mill interests will all be gone and leave the burden for the poor farmer to bear, who can not go, so like the running brook, must stay on forever.

Last year I thought all the candidates out for office were all democrats but now I begin to believe that they were all republicans as they all believe in expansion. They have expanded their pocket books and now want to expand our public buildings and everything they can lay their hands on.

I hope every voter in the county will go to the polls on the 6th of July and cast his vote against bonds.

The farmer is the world's commissary. He has fed and clothed the sons of men since Adam was fired out of Eden, yet his interests are the last considered; laws are passed for the benefit of the miner; the manufacturer is protected by tariff laws; subsidies are granted to ship builders; government aid is extended to railroads and all interests save those of the farmer are fostered and cared for by the government; yet, he has to shoulder the burdens of mankind; the teamster strikes for shorter hours; the miner wants more pay; the mason and carpenter demand an eight hour law; the section hand throws up his job; the factories close; but the farmer must plant and plow early and late, rain or shine. He has no time to complain. Five o'clock finds him in the cow pen; then he hies to the field and sings his merry tune and wonders what the price of corn will be the last of June.

Very truly,

V. P. SMITH.

P. S.—Let out your stinger, gentlemen, I have a tough old hide.

A Flower for One of Marion's Representatives.

In the course of a long letter in the Tampa Tribune, Speaker Albert W. Gilchrist says:

"Not satisfied with getting the money the Tribune publishes the deal by which it was accomplished. If you will give us \$30,000, we will help to give DeFuniak \$4000. 'You scratch my back and will scratch yours.' How different from the reply made to the speaker by a representative from one of the counties of the state. When I told him that I contemplated making him chairman of one of the most important committees which had ever been appointed in the house. I said to him: 'I see that you have a claim for so many thousand dollars for your county. Sometimes members trade on such issues. You vote for me to get so many dollars from the state. This might influence you in your voting for or against measures contrary to your judgment.' This representative simply said: 'If my bill is not just, I do not want it to pass.' It is needless to say that he was appointed. That was Wartmann, of Marion."

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A. L. WEBB, Proprietor.

Confederate Reunion at Fernandina

Fernandina, Fla., June 19, 1905.

COMRADES:—As the annual reunion of the 2nd brigade will be held in the city of Fernandina on July 4th, we take this opportunity to invite, not only the officers and delegates, but we wish all of our comrades who can find time to celebrate the "Glorious Fourth" to come and be our guests on that occasion.

Our citizens have been very liberal in contributing toward making the event a pleasant affair. We will secure special railroad rates from all points. Our program will be arranged so that our guests will have the benefit of the beach pavilion, where dinner will be served. The bill of fare will consist principally of sea food, such as fish served in various styles, deveded crab, clam chowder, etc. In the afternoon the bath houses will be at the disposal of our friends. We also propose to give an excursion to the jetties, where the government has expended millions of dollars making one of the best entrances from the ocean on the Atlantic coast. In fact, we propose to neglect nothing that will give our comrades and friends pleasure and comfort.

We would like for the adjutants of the various camps to send to Adjutant G. L. Baltzell about the number of visitors from each camp, so that we may secure rooms.

Hoping to see a large number of our comrades and friends at the reunion, we are,

Yours, fraternally,

G. L. BALTZELL, Adjutant.

THOMAS A. HALL, Commander.

Tax on Babies.

Extreme hot weather is a great tax upon the digestive power of babies; when puny and feeble they should be given a few doses of White's Cream Vermifuge, the children's tonic. It will stimulate and facilitate the digestion of their food, so that they soon become strong, healthy and active. All Druggist

Lake Weir is becoming more and more popular as an "outing place."

FOR SALE—A good second-hand bath tub and stationary washstand Apply at this office.

Mr. Samuel W. Teague continues to be quite ill much to the regret of host of friends.

Dr. Andrew Sledd, president of the University of Florida, will shortly visit Prof. Edwin Dickinson, at Tampa. Prof. Dickinson is a member of the faculty of the university. While in Tampa Dr. Sledd will deliver a sermon at the First Methodist church.

Osco and Guy Zewadski gave their guests, Messrs. West, Giles and Birdsey a very delightful watermelon party Monday and Tuesday afternoon complimented them with an automobile ride to Silver Springs and a boat ride down the run.

Rev. Shade W. Walker, president of the Methodist college at Sutherlands, preached a very excellent sermon at the Methodist church in Tampa Sunday. The Tribune pays Dr. Walker's sermon and his work at the college a very high compliment.

Mrs. H. L. Anderson and Miss Lillian Anderson have gone to Poughkeepsie, N. Y., where Miss Frances Anderson has been attending Vassar College. From there they will go to Alexandria Bay, N. Y., for a portion of the summer and later to Indianapolis, Indiana.

Major L. T. Izlar returned home Wednesday from a professional visit to his old home at Blackville, S. C. The major reports that the corn, cantaloupes and melons around that section are almost entirely destroyed for the lack of rain but says the cotton crop will be all right.

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To Baltimore and Return.

On account of the United Society Christian Endeavor, International Convention, July 5-10, 1905, the Atlantic Coast Line will sell tickets from points in Florida to Baltimore and return at very low rates. Tickets will be sold July 1, 2, 3 and 4, via all rail, or via Norfolk and Chesapeake Bay; June 30 via Savannah and M. & T. Co., for steamer sailing from Savannah July 1. Final limit of tickets will be July 5, but extension of limit can be obtained to August 31. Stop-overs will be allowed at Washington going or returning or both, within final limit of ticket, but in no case to exceed ten days. For rates, reservations, or any information see nearest ticket agent or communicate with T. C. White, D. P. A., Tampa, Fla.

Mrs. Harry C. Dozier and infant daughter after a visit of several weeks in Ocala with Dr. Dozier's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Dozier, have gone to Sewanee, Tenn., to join Dr. Dozier.

SEABOARD

Air Line Railway.

Special Rates.

\$15.85 Tuscaloosa, Ala., and return. Tickets on sale June 15, 16, 17, 19, 24, 26, July 1, 8, 10, limited 15 days from date of sale. Extension available to Sept. 30.

\$18.25 Knoxville, Tenn., and return. Tickets on sale June 18, 19, 20, 24, 25, July 1, 8, 15, 19, limited returning to 15 days from date of sale. Extension available to Sept. 30.

\$35.85 Buffalo, N. Y., and return. Tickets on sale July 8, 9, 10, limited to leave Buffalo returning July 15. Extension available to leave Buffalo July 25.

Savannah \$6, Columbia \$8 and return, for night train only, of July 2, good to return on any train on or before July 13.

Fourth of July Rate, tickets on sale July 2, 3 and 4, limited returning to July 8, at one and one-third fare for the round trip.

\$1 Lake Charm and Return, on account of Union Sunday School picnic, Friday, June 30. Special train leaves Ocala 7 a. m.

West Florida Excursion to West Florida on night of June 27, tickets good to return on or before July 5. Rates for round trip, Lake City, \$3.25; Live Oak, \$3.50; Madison, \$4; Monticello, \$4.50; Carrabelle, \$5; Tallahassee, \$4.50; Quincy, \$5; River Junction, \$5; Bainbridge, Ga., \$5; Outhbert, Ga., \$5.50.