

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.

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The rains are still with us.

Which had you rather be: John D. R. or president?

There is to be a "Gilchrist Day" at the fair. The general is making progress.

The more you look at it the farther off that big Panama ditch seems. Teddy ought to get busy.

Ignorance, when it is voluntary, is criminal, and he may properly be charged with evil who refuses to learn how he might prevent it.—Johnson.

He trod on the corn of the belle of the ball and then—so the other girls tell—slumbering echoes were aroused in the hall because of the bawl of the belle.—Milwaukee Journal.

A crop report is a government document that enables the farmer to learn how his crop is getting along, and inspires the sucker with a desire to speculate.—New York American.

In his "Deserted Village" Goldsmith says: "And the loud laugh that spoke the vacant mind." How true that is. The laugh measures the intelligence as accurately as a thermometer measures the degree of heat and cold.

Another big jewelry robbery is reported. The strain of keeping watch over a collection of precious stones is becoming so great that owners must experience a sense of relief when their jewels are at last stolen.—N.Y. American.

John D. Rockefeller presented the pastor of the Euclid Avenue Presbyterian church with a basket of 'taters and in each tuber there was a five dollar gold piece. John D. is certainly getting busy being good.

The real peril in language, says Professor Thomas R. Lounsbury, comes from the ignorant formalism and affected precision which wage perpetual war with the high honored idioms of our tongue array themselves in hostility to its natural development.

Necessarily a law so revolutionary as the Buckman bill must leave in the wake of its operations heartburnings and disappointments. This inevitable result of the law's operations is, of course, a source of sincere regret to every man who has within him a spark of generosity.—Starke Telegraph.

Says an Equitable circular: "The board of directors have wisely selected Paul Morton, secretary of the navy, a man of national reputation, as head of our great institution." But it must be remembered that Paul only held his navy job for the brief period of a year and his time in office was mostly taken up in explaining about railroad rebates.

Women have the full suffrage on equal terms with men in Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, Idaho, all of Australia but Victoria and Queensland, New Zealand and the Isle of Man. More than half the states of this country permit women to vote on measures of taxation or education, or for municipal or school officers, and they have like privileges in England, Scotland, Ireland, Canada and a majority of European countries.

RESPECTABLE AND EMINENT GRAFT.

No band of highwaymen since the days of Robin Hood, Dick Turpin and Claude Duval have had such easy and prolific grafting as those officials connected with the Euitable Life Assurance Society of the United States.

Even Chauncy Depew, who holds an honored seat in the United States Senate, the investigation discloses, is mixed up to his arm pits in this tremendous and shameful graft.

The investigation reveals the fact that this hitherto loved and honored statesman was not above receiving \$25 for each director's meeting whether he attended or not.

If that were all it had not been so bad, but unfortunately it is the smallest part of the revelation.

Mr. Depew received \$20,000 a year for the use of his name, thinly disguised as one of the company's counsel. For the large sum he thus received of innocent people's money, he gave nothing in return.

Mr. Depew's graft did not stop even here.

He was connected with what is called the Depew Land Improvement Company, which is now in the hands of receivers, and whose entire property is valued at \$100,000; through Mr. Depew's solicitation, and partly by his vote, this company was loaned \$250,000.

What became of it? It is difficult to believe the plain facts the investigations reveal.

Here is a man representing a great state in the highest and purest legislative body in the world, famous for making after dinner speeches, delivering orations before colleges and universities, and yet guilty of transactions that would make the gentlemanly highwaymen already referred to in the outset of this article blush for very shame!

And the pure Alexander, the good man who could not stand for young Mr. Hyde, was interested in eight syndicates making profits out of the Equitable—he also leased Equitable property to one of Hyde's dummy companies at great loss to the society. Moreover, he used his stock holdings, did Alexander, to elect many "dummy" directors whose salaries were worth having. Many of his relatives drew salaries as high as \$250,000.

The evidence is sufficient to fix, without the chance of escape, charges of grafting, conspiring for personal gain at the expense of the company they were managing; wronging the company in numerous operations and making a farce of their official duties on both Alexander and Hyde; and in this class, as aide and assistants, even grafting for their personal benefit, must be placed Chauncy Depew and other men high in the places of the rich.

It is a desperate condition of affairs.

If there is a law on the statutes of New York that will fit the case of these men, who do not need a dollar that stuck to the ends of their fingers, it should be invoked to punish the wreckers; these men who played fast and loose with the money of many thousands of people.

And Mr. Depew, in taking a loan in excess of the valuation of the property mortgaged as security and then defaulting in payment that the company might foreclose and take its loss, is no better than any of the rest of the Equitable grafters. He should be sued by the society at once on the note, for the balance not covered by the sale of the property.

It is another sickening exhibition of the temptation of money; of the weakness of rich men, with more in sight—it is the limit of disgusting graft.

The esteemed Tampa Herald has got it bad. About as bad a case as we have ever seen. The editor tells us that the people of Florida will not do this nor that, and will do the other, just as if he had each man tied with a string and directed his movements. But the people of Florida are generally an independent set and sometimes do their own thinking.

"All men make mistakes," says Senator Mitchell. Let us now hear from Senator Depew.

BONDS AND BONDS.

It is urged that this paper is not consistent in opposing the issue of bonds by the United States government and favoring the issue of bonds by the county and the municipality.

It must be remembered, however, that the United States government reserves the right to issue money, and the state, counties and municipalities are restricted from doing so.

The money of the United States, whether of gold or of silver, or of paper, is good for its face value in all parts of the earth because it has the strength of the government behind it, the government having the right and exercising the right to levy and collect taxes, and this function of government makes its money good so long as the government itself is good. So there is no necessity for its issuing bonds and paying interest thereon, when it has the right to coin and issue money.

The states nor the counties nor the cities have this right and hence to make necessary and useful improvements are compelled to resort to the device of issuing bonds. If they had the right to issue money of course bonds would be unnecessary and the bond issue would be wrong.

A newspaper can be perfectly consistent in opposing the issue of one and favoring the issue of the other because they in no way stand on the same footing.

Bryan on Chinese Immigration.

Chinese immigration is defended by two classes of people. First, by those, comparatively few in number, who believe that universal brotherhood requires us to welcome to our shores all people of all lands. This is the sentimental argument advanced in favor of Chinese immigration. There is no more reason why we should construe brotherhood to require the admission of all people to our country than there is that we should construe brotherhood to require the dissolution of family ties. The family is a unit; it is the place where character and virtue and usefulness are developed, and from the family a good or evil influence emanates. It is not necessary nor even wise that the family environment should be broken up or that all who desire entrance should be admitted to the family circle. In a larger sense a nation is a family. It is the center for the cultivation of national character, national virtue and national usefulness. A nation is under no obligation to the outside world to admit anybody or anything that would injuriously effect the national family; in fact it is under obligation to itself not to do so. The influence of the United States will be much more potent for good if we remain a homogeneous nation with all citizens in full sympathy with all other citizens. No distinct race like the Chinese can come into this country without exciting a friction and a race prejudice which will make it more difficult for us to exercise a wholesome influence upon the Chinese in China, not to speak of our influence on other nations.—Commoner.

Judge Logan E. Bleckley, ex-chief justice of the supreme court of Georgia, says that legislative bills should be prepared at one session of the legislature and not voted on until the next unless in cases of absolute urgency. This, he says, would prevent hasty, crude and foolish legislation and laws would not have to be repealed in their infancy—before they have reached, sometimes before they have approached their majority. Another advantage says that distinguished jurist of having bills thoroughly thought out, studied, discussed, and considered would be that the language could and would be made brief, simple, clear and exact, so that, with us, statutory expressions would no longer be slipshod, crude, obscure, bungling, and inexact, as it has very often been within many years past. Statutes ought to be drafted with as much care as the headnotes of judicial opinions, and with some approach to their brevity.

The contract for deepening the channel over Mobile bar, giving a depth of 30 feet, has been awarded to the Southern Dredging Co. of Mobile.

A Story of Reconstruction Days in the State of Louisiana.

BY W. L. DITTO.

During the "dark and gloomy" days of reconstruction (exact dates not remembered) Henry Clay Warmouth was governor and Junius Brutus Pinchback, colored, was lieutenant governor of Louisiana.

A rather funny episode happened. Governor Warmouth took occasion to visit his old home in Illinois, and according to the then existing law his absence from the state made the gubernatorial chair vacant and void. It happened that Pinchback was absent from the state at the same time. As soon as his friends found out that the governor was absent they wired him the information, and told him to hurry back home and he would become governor. He lit out for home at once.

In the meantime the friends of Warmouth, getting wind of affairs, wired him the condition of things and urged him to hasten home or he would lose his office. He took rail and hurried home as fast as the schedules would allow, but when he reached the northern part of Mississippi, about Canton, he found that "Pinch" was ahead of him and at the rate he was traveling would reach New Orleans in advance of him. So he made arrangements for an engine and coach for three thousand dollars, with the understanding that he was to be landed in New Orleans in a given number of hours, which would require a speed of sixty miles an hour.

Pinchback was ahead, and so jubilant that he concluded that he would wire his friends of his good fortune, so he got off at a station for the purpose of doing so. But things do not always turn out as we anticipate, and so it happened in this case. Luck was against the lieutenant governor, for while he was in the telegraph office some one slipped up behind him and locked him in, and when he got out his train was gone and he was left disconsolate.

On came Governor Warmouth's train, and in passing he saw "Pinch" walking up and down the platform, impatient and forlorn. He ran out and hailed him. "Pinch" waved at him and said:

"Governor, your star is in the ascendant."

"No," replied Warmouth, "not mine, but the state of Louisiana's."

The train made the time as agreed upon, but not a screw nor tap was left whole.

A funny incident occurred on the trip. When the train was made up and ready to leave Canton there was a man, his wife and sister-in-law, who thought they would have some fun, perhaps, and asked the conductor, whose name was Kilpatrick, if they could go on the train. The conductor told them he had nothing to do with it, and they must ask Governor Warmouth.

The governor readily gave his consent, so they got aboard, but soon became anxious and restless, and asked the conductor to put them off, which he refused to do. They even got on their knees and prayed, and told the conductor that they owed a note in the bank at Jackson, which was due that day, and if they could not get off it would be dishonored.

The conductor said: "Look here, if you will acknowledge that you are scared I'll let you off."

The man replied: "Scared? I am the worst scared man in Louisiana." The conductor slowed up and let them off. All during this trip Governor Warmouth sat unmoved and undisturbed, smoking a fragrant Havana.

These facts were obtained from the conductor himself only a short time after the occurrence.

Another One of those Pretty Bouquets.

The Ocala Banner is forty years old and Frank Harris has been with it that long. The paper is closely associated with the history of Florida's development and its editor is yet a useful citizen, honored and respected by his friends.—Tampa Herald.

Said Arthur one night to Hortense, "I know I'm exceedingly dense, but what tense is 'kiss'?" Then answered the miss, "I think it should be present tense."

Hon. Wilkinson Call.

It makes us excessively weary to see some of our own state papers engaged in the idiotic twaddle of the idiosyncracies of poor old Senator Call.

Hon. Wilkinson Call, for nearly half a century, was the idol of a large number of the people of Florida; and for a younger generation, whose fathers and mothers may have been beneficiaries of the faithful service of this man, to now be engaged in strewing thorns instead of roses along the pathway of his setting sun, is worse than sacrilegious.

Ex-Senator Wilkinson Call cannot now be far from the "four-score" mark. How many of us who now upbraid and dishonor him in the tottering infirmities of old age, can hope to have our mental faculties as well preserved when we reach this ripe old age that courageous men are bound to honor?

The democracy of Florida once needed him in the counsels, and—"tribute to whom tribute is due"—she never called upon him in vain.

It is time now to show to the living some of the flowers we are reserving for the dead.—Jacksonville Floridian.

Editor Harris of the Ocala Banner is amusing himself as well as his readers in an effort to persuade Hon. Geo. W. Wilson, editor of the Times-Union, to acquiesce to a spontaneous demand to become a candidate for governor. The tripod which Editor Wilson is so comfortable ensconced is so exalted and remunerative that it would be a difficult matter to get the accomplished journalist to forsake it. Every newspaper man in Florida personally admires Editor Wilson and is unanimously of the opinion that he would make an ideal chief executive.—Tampa Tribune.

Among other things the cotton leak, Senatorial scandals and Equitable exposures will make great campaign material for the democrats.

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A Denver doctor says he can stretch a man's backbone from one to three inches. What the average man needs is a little more stiffening in his backbone rather than to have it stretched.—Chicago News.