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The verdict of the state press is favorable to the new Washington county newspaper. "The Verdict" is all right. It comes from Chipley.

Florida, through the Democratic State Executive Committee, has declared for Bryan for the next Democratic presidential candidate. Many other states are doing like wise.

The Sun, formerly of Jacksonville, is now at home in Tallahassee. This bright luminary loses nothing by way of brilliancy in the transfer and we trust will keep on turning on the light where light is most needed.

We wanted to publish the Declaration of Independence this week as being seasonable but was overruled on account of the anarchistic and populistic way it reads. There are some folks in this county that would think we had turned populists if we published such a document and we really cannot afford to risk it.

Hon. Thos. J. L. Brown, of Tampa, has returned to his home after having spent several months in Washington in the interest of the Tampa Isthman Canal Exposition to be held in 1908. He was successful in securing the passage of a bill in Congress, appropriating $500,000 for futhering the project and naturally is happy. Hon. S. M. Sparkman, Hon. J. C. Talliaferro and Congressman Sibley, of Pennsylvania, are also the recipients of much gratitude from the people for their services in behalf of the exposition.

The appointment of T. C. White to be general passenger and ticket agent of the Atlantic Coast Line railway will meet general approval in this section at least of his future jurisdiction. Mr. White is familiarly known to the people of Tampa and to the people of Florida generally, and no man stands higher in the esteem of the people who do business with the road. Young, active, thoroughly familiar with the practical work of railroading from the ground up, alive to the wants of the public, considerate of every interest, Mr. White has been placed in a very responsible position which he will fill to the satisfaction of the railroad and the people it serves. Incidentally, every young man just making a beginning in the profession might well look to Tom White as an exemplar to be imitated in all those qualities which build for good and promote men to the higher ranks.—Tampa Times.

Panama Canal Exposition.

Washington, June 30.—The efforts of T. J. L. Brown, of Tampa, have been crowned with successess, as the senate to-day passed the bill appropriating a half million dollars for the Panama Exhibition for Tampa in 1908, commemorating the building of the Panama canal. Congressman Sparkman has been particularly active in this matter, and he secured the acti e co-operation of Senators Taliafe ro and Mallory in the senate, with the result above given.

With the backing of the government the event becomes of national prominence, and with every county in Florida co-operating the exposition will be on a grand scale. —Jacksonville Metropolis.

Mrs. J. F. Richards and daughter have returned from a pleasant visit to Bartow.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. M. Wright, of Lakeland, spent Sunday with Dr. C. P. Baird and wife.

Mrs. Joe Lamar is visiting her father, Wm. McClenithan, and other relatives in DeSoto county.

Mr. and Mrs. North, of Owens, accompanied by Mrs. Harris, Mrs. North's mother, are shopping in Arcadia today.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Treadwell returned home on Sunday last; Mr. Treadwell from Hot Springs, Ark. and his wife from Pablo Beach.

Piles! Piles! Piles!

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A. C. L. Excursions.

Summer Excursion Rates to all Summer Excursion points are now on sale via the Atlantic Coast Line. No trouble to answer questions. For rates, reservations or any information communicate with,

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Tampa, Fla.

Curious Storage of Hay.

An English traveler through Kashmir found in practice there a novel method of putting fodder up for winter use. The country lies in a valley among the Himalayas. The chief industry of the people consists in raising fine wool and in making this into fabrics which have carried the name of the country all over the world. A curious custom in some places is that of hanging quantities of hay up among the branches of trees. Why it was done was more than I could guess, till my guide informed me that in winter the snow lies five and six yards in depth and that the supplies of hay, which now look only as if they were meant for camelopards, are then easily reached by the flocks of sheep which abound there.

Mitigating Circumstance.

A Scotch baillie recently advanced to the bench had a criminal placed before him accused of some very modest violation of the law. Of course the baillie knew the prisoner well. He heard the charge stated.

"John, man, I'm sorry to see you here. We'll just fine you half a crown."

The clerk here intervened.

"But the charge is not yet proved; we have not heard the evidence."

Then the benignant baillie:

"Ah, well, John, my man, as the charge is not proved we'll just fine you an eighteenpence."—London Telegraph.

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Yours truly,

Perry C. Brown.
Arcadia, Florida.

To The Public

Watch this space for important announcements. Our stock is to be the best and most complete in DeSoto County and we are anxious to tell you about it.

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