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J. BRYAN DEAD

RIDA'S BRILLIANT SENATOR IS GONE

orida mourns the loss of tor William James Bryan, died in Washington, D. C. st Sunday morning.

n Christmas Day Governor ward appointed Mr. Bryan to eed the late United States tor Stephen R. Mallory, who two days before Christmas y in January Mr. Bryan went Vashington full of zeal to show ida that he would make good Governor's faith in him. But rigorous climate of Washing- in January was too severe for constitution and he was soon cked by grip and then typhoid r. In spite of skilled special- and tender care of his wife rs and mother his life ended more than thirty days seige fever.

is body was brought to Jackville for burial on Wednesday re the funeral services were at St. John's Episcopal church which he was a member.

eside his wife and a son of four s, Mr. Bryan is survived by father and mother, who live at ia, Fla. and three brothers and sisters, all residents of Florida William James Bryan was born Orange county Florida thirty- years ago.

or one so youthful he had at- ed a brilliant success both as orator and politician, earning respect and admiration of all his upright manly character and lagging devotion to principle. rida has no other young man his ability to take his place, ugh we should search far and e.

High School Notes

The Open Session of the Frank- and Minerva Literary Societies Friday night was a success good-sized crowd was present ny expressions of the excellence the exercises were heard. Some nt so far as to say that they uld have done credit to a young lege.

Don't fail to come out to the clamatory contest Friday night, arch 27. The local Board of ucation has offered a "Trustees dal" to the winner of the boys' ntest and to the winner of the ung ladies' contest Miss Baughn s offered a medal.

The charges for admission will fifteen cents (two tickets for enty-five cents). We hope to ve a large audience as the re- pts of the entertainment are to used in many additions to our hool library. You will be enter- ned if you are present. Exer- es begin at 8 o'clock. Follow- g is the program:

P. S. It has been decided to ake no charge for admission to e Declamatory Contest, Friday, arch 27th.

PART I

Music

e King's Pardon.....
Bernard Noble

garette's Ride and Death.....
Louis Morgan

he Boy Orator of Zepata City.....
Wilbur Carlton

Music

PART II

ndarella or The Gypsy Flower Girl of Spain.....
Kate Whidden

The Old Man.....
Mildred Morgan

The Swan Song.....
N. E. Barker

Her First Recital.....
Lillie Draughon

Laurene, or the Marble Dream.....
Susie Royall

Presentation of medals

Rev. H. Keigwin conducted the devotional exercises last "Visitor's Day"

HONOR ROLL

First Grade. Maud Simmons, Mattie Langford, Blanche Connell, Eva Ford, Ella Ralls, Susie Green, Hazel Lamb, Susie Stouebraker, Nell Steele, Charlotte Seward, Lula Brown, Florida Houstoun, Frances Britt, Alex Hendry, Elbert Myer, Vernon Hollingsworth, Oswell Ralls, Clarence Montgomery, Haywood Montgomery, Rodger Mills

Second Grade. Louise Lanier, Vera Lamb, Clara Blount, Bessie Douglas, Sibbie Pelham, Leona Lane, Sadie Faulkner, Edwin Holister, Wilbnr Evans, Carl Hollingsworth, James Connell, Julia Lee Livingston, Mary Bailey, Thomas Albritton

Third Grade. Robert Hollingsworth, Alger Smart, Sam Smith, Herbert Gammage, Fred Powell, Emelie Grunholzer, Wenda Wey, Solon Evans, Marjorie Clay, Zula Waldron, Ruby Whidden, Lurene Carlton, Maud Worley, Fannie Mills

Fourth Grade. Ira Gammage, Harold Stewart, Harry Blount, Lillie Dear, Kate Carlton, Bertie Gore

Fifth Grade. Tommie McCray, Geo. Stonebraker, Frank Powell, Daniel Masters, Tom Platt, Eleda McCulley, Lilian Cox, May Stewart, Beatrice McClenithan

Sixth Grade. Alma Robertson, Frank Stonebraker, Sophy May Smith, AmeLe Smith, Eugene Driggers, Zoella King

Seventh Grade. Gladys Bryan, Gerda Holmer, Marie Martin, George Ford, Cecil Lamb, Kate Whidden, Clyde Carlton, Luther Mills, Cecil Causey, C. H. Langford, Robert Waldron, Hugh Waldron, Jim Morqus, Pat Houstoun

Eighth Grade. Carl Holmer, Hulda Albritton, Arthur Ford

Ninth Grade. Grady Burton

Tenth Grade. Wilbur Carlton, Audrey Freeman, Fannie Watson, Edmond Scott, Edmond Quinby

Eleventh Grade. Bernard Noble

Best grades in music were made by Kate Carlton, Lillian Simmons Cants, Zoella King

Executive Committee Meeting

The Democratic Executive Committee of DeSoto County met at the Court House, Arcadia Wed. March 25th, seven members present.

Chairman T. B. King made the statement for the benefit of those interested that the campaign committee last election came out about nineteen dollars behind and that bills and vouchers were in his office and could be seen at almost any time.

The county candidates were assessed as follows:

Representative, ...	$ 20 00
Sheriff	200 00
Clerk..	200 00
County Judge.....	50 00
Tax Assessor	100 00
Tax Collector.....	100 00
Treasurer	100 00
Supt. Public Instruction....	50 00
Surveyor.....	10 00
Supt. of Registration.....	5 00
County Commissioner	5 00
Member School Board	5 00
Constable	2 00
Justice Peace	2 00

Notice of candidacy and fee must be filed with T. B. King; chairman, on or before April 20.

It was agreed that election officers be paid $2 per day and five cents per mile for bringing in the returns.

A campaign committee consisting of T. B. King, W. R. Minor and W. S. Worley was named to attend to all business pertaining to the primary.

News of the Week In DeSoto County

As Reported by The Champion's Excellent Corps of Correspondents
A Resume of Current Events

Castalia Scrappings

EDITOR CHAMPION: I do this once acquire the authority of dropping a few thoughts from this quarter of the country

Sunday School and prayer meeting at New Zion was not so very well attended on last Sunday but was very good

The sing being taught by Prof. Love Tharp is progressing nicely, with some of the Lily pupils in attendance, as a matter of fact, adds to the interests virtue

Hon. A. F. Hull, the commissioner just over the Manatee line, is rejoicing over a new born son, the entertainment of whom Dr. C. H. Smith, of Arcadia, made a pleasant call on the 19th. During which time he spent a few hours out fishing in Myakka river

Mrs. S. A. Stephens is now making preparations to dispose of her oranges since she needs money more than fruit

G. W. Stephens is down on the Manatee river this week gathering cattle with W. A. Stewart, of Riley

Mr. Thomas Mizell, of Pine Level, passed through Castalia on the 24th inst. enroute home from Chicora

J. J. Stephens, who has been feeding his beef cattle through the winter, today markets the first one at Wauchula. SCRAP.

March 25.

Charlotte Locals

Miss Hattie May Cash and Miss Arizona Moody went to Charlotte Harbor to church Sunday

Mrs. J. L. Martin has been real sick but we are glad to say is improving now

Mr. and Mrs. Werthington and Mr. and Mrs. Angl have just returned from a pleasure trip to the Big Slew. They report a delightful time

Mr. Henry Boyd passed through Charlotte Sunday on his way to Charlotte Harbor

Miss Bessie Martin, of Myakka, was in Charlotte a few days ago visiting her cousin, Miss Effie Martin

Mr. S. L. Loudermilk, of Boca Grande, passed through Charlotte Monday on his way to Charlotte Harbor

Mr. Lee Whidden, of Platt, paid us a call Monday

Mrs. Bert Hagan and Mrs. May Wade, of Charlotte Harbor, were visiting here Tuesday

Mr. J. B. Moody went to Punta Gorda Tuesday

ORANGE BLOSSOM.

Charlotte Harbor Items

Charlotte Harbor people have been having heavy winds but are pleased with the rain the wind brought

Mrs. Frizzelle, of Tampa, is making her home at the Hotel Boca Grande

Mrs. Jane Faulkner, of Plant City, is visiting her sister, Mrs. T. S. Knight

An ice cream social was greatly enjoyed by the young people at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Wade, Saturday night

Our Methodist pastor and wife spent Saturday and Sunday with Charlotte Harbor members

Mrs. Bert Hagan and Mrs. H. T. Wade spent Tuesday with friends at Charlotte

Miss Carrie Sellers, of Pine Level, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. John Hagan

Rev. S. L. Loudermilk was in our midst Monday evening enroute for Boca Grande

Mr. Stephens has his launch, Sagitta, looking fine. Don't look as if she had been in a storm.

March 25. A FRIEND.

Pine Level Items

(Came in too late for publication in last issue.)

Cow-penning is going on in our town

Mr. Jerome Howell has just returned from the phosphate plants up Polk county and while up there he visited his brother John and reports a fine time and several good positions offered him but he has not decided to accept any of them yet. We hate to see him go away for he is the leader of the singing in our town and is missed very much

Uncle Frank Hagan is slowly improving and we are so glad to know it for he was very low for several days

Most of us town folks spent one day out in the prairie last week and you can guess the rest but we will mention the cabbages, birds, squirrels etc.

Mrs. John Hagan, from Charlotte Harbor, is up visiting relatives Mr. John Hagan came over the other day and gave us a call

Mr. Grantham got nearly all of his fence burned up last week by the fire set by the turpentine men also Uncle Frank got some fence burned but Mr. Martin has sent lumber and men until it is now all replaced. We only wish every community could have such turpentine men as Mr. Martin is to associate and do business with

If the candidates do not announce soon our town will furnish all the county is looking for because the material is here

Ladies' Friday Musicale

The Ladies' Friday Musicale met with Mrs. J. N. Hollingsworth, Friday, March 20, 1908. The following program was rendered:

Vocal Solo, "Foreign Children,".....
Mrs. Rapalje

Vocal Solo, "Somewhere,".....Harris
Mrs. T. B. King

Piano Solo, "Fantasia,".....Reese
Mrs. Mary Smith

Vocal Solo, "Take Me With You in Your Dreams,".....Oliver
Mrs. W. E. Robertson

Vocal Solo, "Asthore,".....Trotere
Mrs. J. N. Hollingsworth
Substitute for Mrs. Mitchell

Club adjourned to meet with Mrs. A. E. Houstoun Friday, March 27, 1904, at four o'clock.

MRS. C. Y. Crawford,
Secretary.

First M. E. Church, South.

Sunday School, 9:45 a. m.

Preaching 11 a. m. Subject, "Money; the Golden Channel of Service." Luke 16:1-8

The League will have the preaching hour, 7:15, and a special program will be rendered, with special music, papers, etc.

CHARLES W. WHITE, P. C.

POLITICAL AFFAIRS

OUR CORRESPONDENT WRITES FROM NATIONAL CAPITAL

Labor's bill of grievances, amounting to a demand for certain legislative enactments in the interests of labor at this session of Congress, and prepared by Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, in collaboration with the heads of other organizations affiliated with the federation, was submitted this week to the Vice-President of the United States and the Speaker of the House of Representatives The only tangible result of the conferences was the declaration of Mr. Cannon that the House would undoubtedly pass a bill re-enacting the employers' liability act so as to meet the constitutional objections found in the old law by the United States Court. As to the other Congressional enactments sought by labor, Speaker Cannon assured his callers that they would have consideration by the proper committees of the House.

Representative Bourke Cockran is a frequent White House visitor these days. In fact he is there so often that there is much speculation as to his real mission. "It's a case for smiles rather than for comment", he replied the other day whan asked, as he was leaving the White House to talk about the action of Charles F. Murphy in leaving him off the Tammany committees. "Are you a Democrat to-day?" Mr. Cockran was asked. "I don't know what the definition is to-day", replied Mr. Cockran, "and so I can't tell whether I'm within the breastworks."

David Bennett Hill, of Albany, N. Y., was in the Senate and about the Capitol this week. Mr. Hill says emphatically that he is out of politics and that he is over here to argue a case before the Supreme Court. It is fresh in the memory of all Democrats that there was a time when ex-Senator Hill was a power in the politics of the Empire State and contested honors only a few years ago for state leadership, with Richard Croker, the boss, at that time, of Tammany Hall. Several times Mr. Hill has had his name on many tongues as a probable candidate of the Democratic party for the Presidency of the United States.

The House of Representatives passed a resolution this week, introduced by Representative Harrison, of New York, calling on the President for information regarding his authority of law for exercising the function of government on the Canal Zone. Mr. Harrison charged the President with exceeding his authority and charged the Republicans in the House with negligence in their conduct of the government.

Senator Bacon, of Georgia, is doing work which must appeal to every unprejudiced mind in his endeavors to secure an increase in the pay of employes of the executive departments. The pay of Senators and Representatives was increased fifty per cent at the last session to meet the acknowledged increase in the cost of living in Washington, but until Senator Bacon took up the cudgels in their behalf, no one considered the poor government clerks who are obliged to keep up with the procession as best they may on the salary allotment of years ago.