OCAL AFFAIRS

A. C. L. Local Time Table.

Passenger, Northbound..... 8 35 a. m.
Passenger, Southbound.....10 40 a. m.
Passenger, Northbound..... 5 00 p. m.
Passenger, Southbound..... 8 51 p. m.

e River Lodge No. 66, F. & A. M. meets night on or before the full moon in each
W. S. DAVENPORT, W. M.
M. PLATT, Secretary.

ine rain here Monday and another

W. McCloud, of Castalia, was in lia Tuesday

ss Carrie Brannan left Thursday for t to Ft. Meade.

n't fail to read Kanner's big ad- ement in this paper

A. Albritton of Lily, was a visitor e County Capital Tuesday

e ladies afternoon bridge club met sday with Mrs. A. C. Freeman

. Louie Silverman and Chester ng spent the week in the woods

e Arcadia ball team are playing at w, with Bartow, today and to- w

M. Lord, of Sanford, is visiting his hter, Mrs. L. Y. Bryan, in Arcadia week

r. Schiederman, the Singer agent Tampa made a short business visit rcadia one day last week.

. N. Bryan and C. A. Bryant leading ens of Bowling Green are attending rict Conference here this week

l. T. J. Watkins, of Orlando, a for- DeSoto county capitalist and orange er, is a familiar figure on our streets

J. Stephens, C. H. and Rob. Kob- jr., Z. T. Duncan, of Castalia and were attending to school matters Tuesday

iss Katie Martin, a charming young who has been visiting her brother, McL. Martin, returned to her home outh Carolina last week.

C. Howard, of Orlando, photo- her and former editor of the Or- o Reporter-Star, is attending the odist Conference here today.

r. J. H. D. McRae, of Wauchula, rmer pastor of the Arcadia M. E. rch, is here this week renewing ant acquaintences and attending rict Conference

G. and W. E. Harris J. J. Steph- from Castalia School, W. B. and W. Roberts, L. D. Dupree, of Lily, were re the School Board Tuesday, look- after the school interests of their munities

rs. J. J. Stephens, of Castalia, spent ay Saturday and Sunday at Bowling en attending the Union meeting e. The next union will be with the ns church. It was decided at the ting that Brother T. W. Gayer will tly run a meeting at Wauchula and wards at New Zion.

e wish to call attention to the two- advertisement of the Boston Store is week's paper. Their sales are ys events of extraordinary interest yers, but this one promises to be most popular of all on account of the prising coupon feature. The Champ- asks you to study their advertise- t

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areful handling of Baggage.
trict and prompt enforcement of ers, law, rules and regulations of the mission. W. K. JACKSON.

RT CLASSES.—A. St. John Shep- announces the opening of classes rawing and painting. For full in- nation call at residence Monday, June afternoon or evening, or 'phone 116

OST: Thursday, May 21st, 20 Frank ch gold coin, about the size of $5.00 d piece American money. Woman's d on one side a voste on other. A attached. Finder return to this e and get reward

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homas Gaskins, Sr. Arcadia

More Editorials

Beware of all political stories that go out a few days before the primary, in all probabilities they will be circulated for political gain only.

A governor who sees no evil, hears no evil and speaks no evil (to evil doers) would be a mighty useless piece of furniture at the State House, in Tallahassee.

It has been said that the dirtiest thing used against Gilchrist was the advertisement in last week's paper, "He Looks Wet to Us." We would ask: Is it dirty to call attention to a candidate's own advertisement published in a paper of State circulation? Then, where does the dirt of that advertisement come in?

Thirty-six temperance or dry counties out of forty-six in our state. Are we going to give up what we have already won by putting in a whiskey governor? We are strong enough to win in this fight. Get up and help! Don't say, "Stockton is sure to win," and sit idly waiting. We want a big majority, and if every temperance man, woman and child does their duty we will get it.

Let no temperance worker sit idly by while the great battle between whiskey and prohibition is being fought right here and now in Florida. The two candidates for governor are lined up with their armies, Gilchrist with the whiskey crowd yelling themselves hoarse in his behalf, and Stockton, backed by the churches, and the moral element. If you know where you belong, get there. If in line with those who would drive from the state, the death dealing curse of whiskey, get out and be doing! The enemy is fighting for life, and shall we by our apathy let the battle be decided against us?

The Ocala ***Banner*** seems to think that we are trying to make out that General Gilchrist is a drunkard. Far from it. We will even go so far as to say that we never saw the General drink any liquor or smelled it on his breath. Our contention is simply that Mr. Gilchrist is backed by the corporation and liquor element. We don't believe that the liquor men are altogether darn fools, in fact we believe there is a number of smart men in the bunch, and it would be worse folly for the liquor men to be represented by a drunken governor than it would for the temperance people to send one out to lecture on the evils of strong drink. In other words the proper man to best represent the liquor interests is one who takes a drink seldom if ever.

It must be trying to a sensitive person to be a candidate for office and always on the witness stand ready to give answer promptly to all inquiries as to personal habits, religion and morals. Do you pay your debts? What church do you belong to and if elected to office will you establish a free zoo to amuse the children? We believe Mr. Stockton, candidate for governor, can satisfacrorially answer the first two questions and Mr. Gilchrist, no doubt, judging from his monkey cards, would readily agree to the zoo proposition It is all right for the voter to inform himself as to the private life and morals of the man whom he honors by his vose. Mr. Stockton's whole career, both private and public is an open book for he has lived thirty years in Jacksonville where he has, for twenty-five years, been a consistent member of the Episcopal church. He pays his debts, and is morally a clean man, whom the state of Florida will make no mistake in placing in the governor's mansion.

Last September when Pensacola had the fight on for a wet and dry election in Escambia county Hon. John N. C. Stockton was sent for to come and help in the fight. He was at the time in North Carolina, but sent a letter to T. A. Jennings, leader of the prohibition movement, of which the following is an extract:

"I sincerely regret my inability to be in Pensacola this week to help in the great moral fight being made to eliminate liquor and its baneful influence from Escambia county. I am opposed to the league traffic in any form. The opponents of prohibition appeal to the commercial spirit instead of the conscience not realizing that the perpetuity of this nation is dependent upon the conscience of a man and not his wealth. The liquor people contend that prohibition does not prohibit but does cut down the revenue of the state, forgetting the enormous expense necessary to maintain the criminal departments of government to say nothing of the terrible cost to citizenship. I am thoroughly convinced that prohibition strictly enforced by a healthy public sentiment on all alike tends not only to build up a happy but a prosperous community."

An Affidavit.

State of Florida, County of Madison.

On this day personally appeared before me J. R. Borland, who being by me first duly sworn pursuant to law deposes and says, that he is the J. R. Borland to whom the letters herewith attached and marked exhibits A B and C respectively are addressed. That he is the editor of the Madison Recorder, a newspaper printed and published in Madison county, Fla., that said letters were received by affiant through the U. S. mail. That exhibits D and E are true copies of affiant to those received by him. That it was the intention of affiant to see and know positively that the supporters of A. W. Gilchrist, candidate for Governor, were using improper means to get the support of the State press. That in response to the letter herewith attached, dated Feb. 10, 1908, affiant went to Jacksonville, on the 15th day of February, 1908, and was offered the sum of seven hundred dollars to support said Gilchrist, $180.00 to be paid down and the balance to be paid as soon as other parties could be seen. That offer was made by E. E. West; that said offer was rejected by affiant and affiant then and there informed said West that he, affiant, was going to support J. N. C. Stockton for Governor and that he would not support Gilchrist at all.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 26th day of April, 1908.

[SEAL.] J. R. BORLAND.

R. N. RAWL,

Notary Public State of Florida at Large.

My commission expires May 18, 1911.

A Letter

Ft. Myers, Fla., May 30, 1908.

Will you please send me another copy of THE CHAMPION. I so disposed of the one just received as I hope will get ten votes for our man for governor. I need another for active service. We must elect Stockton. As ever,

J. G. Boydstun.

Champion for Job Printing

CHAMPION BUSINESS BRINGERS

News of the Week in Arcadia's Business Circles. How, When, Where and What to Buy

Postal albums at the Smith Drug Co.'s store

Eggs, eggs, eggs. Plenty of them at Espenlaub's.

Ride a Bicycle, it's all the go. M. L. Bryan has them for rent.

Fruits, candies, nuts, raisins and other things good to eat at Bryan's

Get your gasoline for irrigation from W. R. Kabrich & Company

Bring your cow hides to W. F. Espenlaub. He pays cash for hides.

I. D. L. Butter, the best in the land at Espenlaub's always on hand.

Walter Kabrich, the White Sewing Machine agent, is the one to see

See Walter Kabrich about trading your old Sewing Machine for a new one

If you don't know what to eat call around and Espenlaub will tell you

FOR RENT—Nice Large Airy Rooms for Offices. See Gore & Scott.

Let Walter Kabrich prove to you that the White Sewing Machine is the best

Buy Granite Ware from us and save from 25 to 50 per cent, The Racket Store.

A trial will convince you that the White Sewing Machine is the best for family use

We want everybody in the County to call and see our new line of goods, the Racket Store.

A new line of Russian Blouses and Sailor Suits at Gore & Scott's

A nice line of Dishes at the Racket Store. Prices lowest ever been in Arcadia.

F. Morqus has just got in a big new line of boy's suits. Guaranteed to fit any boy

Prettiest line of Glassware ever seen in Arcadia, just received at Webb's Racket Store.

Come in and see our complete spring line of Straw Hats, Men's Dress Shirts, Pants, Shoes etc. Gore & Scott

Arcadia Souvenir Post Cards. Orange groves, fire scenes, woods scenes, etc., painted in natural colors at Smith Drug Company.

Several thousand old newspapers for sale at 20 cents a 100. See us at our new office or call up 'phone 40.

Souvenir post cards, all the latest Arcadia and other views, the "Artistically Neat" kind. F. Morqus, Arcadia.

Fancy groceries etc. always on hand. A fresh, new line of good things to eat. Everything first class. Only the best the market affords in fancy groceries, at Espenlaub's

The easy way to find out what will tempt your appetite is to call on Espenlaub and look at the good things he has to offer in the way of fancy groceries

THE MAN WHO DIDN'T MAKE GOOD

GENERAL GILCHRIST WAS A GUY AND LAUGHING STOCK

As Speaker of House He Was Uncertain, Undignified and Legislation Was in Chaotic Condition While He Presided—Lolled in a Rocking Chair and Cracked Peanuts During Sessions—If Elected, Will Be Obligated to Whisky Ring.

By Claude L'Engle

When General Gilchrist was Speaker of the House of 1905 it was the most chaotic body ever known in Florida legislation. It was hard for anybody to know what was going on.

General Gilchrist sat in a rocking chair as he presided. He wielded a large palm leaf fan nonchalantly and cracked peanuts in accompaniment to his absent knowledge of what was going on. I saw this with my own eyes.

The House over which General Gilchrist presided was just like General Gilchrist—loose-jointed, vague, indeterminate, nebuious and uncertain, it groped its way through the mazes of legislatiou without a guiding hand in a lazy, hazy way lacking purpose or power; soft clay in the hands of the legislative manipulative plotters.

As Speaker of the House of 1905 General Gilchrist had an opportunity to show executive ability, if he had any. Since he failed to do so it must be concluded that he had none. He failed utterly in the Speaker's chair to give a gleam of intellectual appreciation of what the place meant, and he would fail more consumately in the office of Governor—the size and extent of his failure in the office of Governor would be measured in the same proportion which measures the office of Governor above that of Speaker.

Public men are judged by what they have done after they have been tried out. General Gilchrist has had a trial and has failed. He lacks the proper sense of public duty; he lacks ability and force; he lacks dignity. Remember the rocking chair, the palm leaf fan and the peanuts—and don't forget the monkeys.

When Gilchrist was a member of the House in 1903, he sat in his chair with his feet on his desk, and smoked and ate peanuts while the house was in session. I saw him doing this day after day. He was considered almost as big a nuisance as Wells of Hillsboro, when he left off resting his feet, smoking and popping peanuts long enough to interfere with legistation by propounding the Constitution and raising frivolous parliamentary questions.

Aside from his lack of fitness for the position of Governor, General Gilchrist is in the hands of the SPECIAL INTERESTS. These are the WHISKEY AND CORPORATION INTERESTS.

PROHIBITION IS NOT AN ISSUE IN THE CAMPAIGN, but the fact that General Gilchrist is being supported strongly and expensively by the whiskey men is evidence that the whiskey men have some point to gain; something that they want done by the man who occupies the office of Governor.

If General Gilchrist is elected Governor HE WILL BE ELECTED BY THE WHISKEY VOTE.

A prohibitionist in the office of Governor cannot make the State dry, and a whiskey man in the office of Governor, cannot make the State wet, but—

A Governor who owes his election to the whiskey interests will do their bidding when the time arrives for him to act; a Governor owing his election to the whiskey men would exercise his personal and official influence on the members of the Legislature in shaping legislation; a Governor owing his election to a special interest would be obliged to protect that interest if occasion came for him to determine a question that placed that special interest in jeopardy.

These things are true on the face of them. The people are not supposed to know that Gilchrist is being backed by the whiskey ring. Gilchrist can get up and disclaim that he is the whiskey candidate; it isn't likely that he would admit it. He can cover the charge partly by saying that he is a candidate of all the people, and wants the vote of them, be they whiskey dealers or not. General Gilchrist is not

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