# WHY SHEATS MUST RETIRE.

**The Opposition to His Re-Election Is Based Purely Upon Personal Grounds.**

A Gainesville correspondent, writing to the Atlanta Constitution, gives the following breezy status of the political situation in this state regarding the position of state superintendent of public instruction:

One of the prettiest and hottest political fights in Florida this year is going to be over the succession to the office of state superintendent of public instruction. Hon. W. N. Sheats, the present incumbent, will stand for renomination before the Democratic state convention, but he will have serious opposition. A prominent educator of peninsular Florida, who has the confidence of all and the support of very many of the teachers of the state, and who can claim substantial strength with influential politicians, is being carefully groomed to enter the race, and it is said that at an early date his name will be placed before the people in this connection with much eclat.

A prominent politician of Gainesville, the home of Superintendent Sheats, who is regarded as being friendly disposed toward the superintendent, but who is unusually well posted regarding the conditions, both pro and con, surrounding his candidacy for renomination and re-election for a third term of four years, has made the following statement to a representative of the Constitution:

"I have been a friend of Mr. Sheats throughout his administration, and am not unfriendly to him now. But the feeling is becoming irresistable all over the state that the time has arrived when a change is positively demanded. No one will deny the fact that Mr. Sheats has made a good state superintendent of schools in many respects. Under his guidance the educational interests of Florida have undoubtedly advanced and today occupy an undeniably better position than they held seven years ago when Mr. Sheats entered upon the duties of state superintendent.

"It cannot be gainsaid that the progress made in Florida's school system is due in no small measure to the 'fighting' qualities of Mr. Sheats. He went into the office at a time when an aggressive, energetic, earnest worker in the cause was a necessity to the school interest. Mr. Sheats has displayed all of these qualities in unusual degree, and the state is indebted to him in so much as she has profited by his offices.

"But the fact cannot be concealed that the usefulness of William N. Sheats as state superintendent is ended. No one could have looked upon the scenes enacted during the last session of the legislature, so far as public school matters were concerned, and not recognize this fact. It is indisputable—Mr. Sheats will hardly attempt to deny it—that in order to have a school measure favored in any way by the members of the legislature the fact Mr. Sheats commended it had in every case to be concealed; while to kill a bill beyond hope of resurrection it had only to be made known that the present superintendent favored it.

"At one time the entire fabric of the public school system was endangered simply because Mr. Sheats had become so obnoxious to legislators. The antagonism was not to public education, not to the public school system, not to particular measures. It was directed against Superintendent Sheats himself and was in almost every instance on personal grounds. True, this does not by any means reflect credit upon the legislators, but it is in evidence that a change in administration must come, is necessary and is inevitable.

"That friends of Mr. Sheats, as well as opponents, favor a change is shown in the fact that it is proposed to succeed him with a man in line with his thought and general policy, but without the characteristics that render the present incumbent so distasteful. The new candidate will be found to be quite acceptable to both the Sheats and anti-Sheats factions.

"The people of Florida have no assurance that the scenes at the capitol during the legislative session of 1899 will not be repeated during the session of 1901, should Mr. Sheats succeed himself, and 'that way danger lies.' We cannot afford to have the whole school system jeopardized because one man who is decidedly persona non grata desires to hold office; hence the friends of the gentleman who has been selected as an opponent of Mr. Sheats for the nomination from the Democratic convention find sentiment almost everywhere with them, and when this gentleman's name is formally placed before the people there is scarcely a doubt that his nomination and election will follow with certainty and with enthusiasm."

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### Weather Report.

SUMMARY FOR JANUARY BY REV. JAS. H. WHITE, U. S. WEATHER OBSERVER.

Highest temperature on the 10th, 75.0; lowest temperature on the 3rd, 32.0.

Mean for the month 57.1; average mean for 19 years, 69.7; highest mean in 19 years in 1882, 69.8; lowest mean in 19 years in 1893, 53.5.

Rainfall in inches, 4.85; average for 23 years, 2.64; greatest in 23 years in 1878, 10.45; least in 23 years in 1892, 0.42.

Number of clear days, 19; number of fair days, 5; number of cloudy days, 7; number of days with rain, 8.

Island Home, Merritts Island, Fla.

### The F. C. & P. Agrees.

On the 29th of last month Col. John A. Henderson, counsel of the Florida Central & Peninsular Railroad company, in arguing the passenger rate matter before Judge Call, in Jacksonville, stated that the head officials of the Florida Central & Peninsular had the matter under advisement, and that he thought they would take the same action as the Plant system, that is, adopt the 3-cent rate for round trip 5 days tickets. He could not then say positively what would be done, but he gave assurances that such would likely be the case.

Col. Henderson appeared before Judge Call Monday and announced that his road would comply with the requirements, and the litigation in this regard has ceased. The F. C. & P. will, on the 12th of this month, put the low rate into effect.

### Decree Modified.

The United States supreme court has entered a supplemental decree in the naval prize money cases of the Spanish schooner Lola and the smack Paqueta Habana. The court passed on these cases early in January, reversing the decisions of the Florida courts, and directing to enter decrees for the payment of damages to the owners of the vessels. The present decree modifies the former decree so as to require the true intent of the former opinion to direct the payment only of compensatory damages, this being done to prevent exorbitant demands.

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### Brevard County Treasurer's Statement.

FEBRUARY 1ST, 1900.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Balance cash on hand Jan. 1, 1900 | $ | 780.68 |
| Amount received in Jan., 1900 | | 779.76 |
| Total | $ | 1,560.44 |
| Less amount paid in Jan., 1900, and warrants delivered to county commissioners and school board | $ | 728.21 |
| Balance cash on hand Feb. 1, 1900 | $ | 832.23 |

The above balance is held as follows:

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|---|---|---|
| Deposited in Indian River State bank as per certificate of cashier attached to monthly report | $ | 792.23 |
| Cash in safe as shown to commissioners | $ | 40.00 |
| Total | $ | 832.23 |

Balances belonging to each fund as follows:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| County revenue, general fund | $ | 3.42 |
| " road and bridge " | | 1.82 |
| " building " | | 20.04 |
| " fine and forfeiture " | | 372.11 |
| " feeding, prisoners' " | | 318.30 |
| " school fund | | 4.27 |
| " special road fund, Dist. 2 | | 17.25 |
| " " " " " 5 | | 35.02 |
| " game warden fund | | 60.00 |
| Total | $ | 832.23 |

JOHN HENRY,
County Treasurer.


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### COMING CHAUTAUQUA.

**Fourth Annual Session Will Be Held at Melbourne Next Month.**

The fourth annual session of the East Coast Chautauqua will be held at Melbourne from the 2nd to the 14th of March. The full program will be ready in a few days, but enough is known to warrant the statement that no such opportunity was ever before offered the people of the east coast. It presents advantages in the way of musical and scientific instruction and entertainment fully up to the standard of the great northern chautauquas. The program is in charge of Dr. W. L. Davidson, who was for years the superintendent of instruction at the DeFuniak assembly and who is the manager of three prominent summer chautauquas.

A leading feature of these assemblies is the music, and in this department of the Melbourne meeting Dr. Davidson has been most fortunate. It will be in charge of Prof. H. R. Palmer, of New York, one of the best known and most successful musical conductors in the country, and author of the familiar hymn, "Yield Not To Temptation."

Prof. Palmer will conduct a chorus class during the session, which will be free to everybody. He will also give lectures on sight reading and other matters connected with the musical art.

Madame C. E. Bailey, who made a decided hit at the parent chautauqua last summer, and is one of the great dramatic sopranos of the country, will be in attendance, and will be heard frequently.

The Centralia Male Quartette, of Kentucky, will be present for a week, and render delightful music. A well trained quartette of male voices never fails to please, as their music is always most inspiring. Other features of this department, together with lots of concerts, will be found in the programs.

Every lover of good music who can possibly do so should arrange to get the advantages of the chorus class and the concerts.

Board can be secured at moderate rates, or parties can be made up to buy a tent and camp out, or live in the cabin of a boat, so reduce the expense of the chautauqua to but little more than the cost of living at home.

The East Coast Chautauqua is a nonprofit association. The managers are putting a large amount of money into the assembly, and they will be well satisfied if it can be made to pay expenses. It is designed to furnish to the people of this section at home what thousands of people travel hundreds of miles every summer in order to enjoy—a high grade of intellectual and musical entertainment.

Other features of the chautauqua will be noticed in THE STAR next week.

### Weekly Weather Report.

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE WEATHER BUREAU.

Comparative statement of temperatures and rainfall for the week ending Tuesday, Feb. 6, 1900.

| | 1900 | | 1899 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| DATE. | MAX. | MIN. | MAX. | MIN |
| Jan. 31. | 69 | 51 | 80 | 54 |
| Feb. 1. | 54 | 41 | 74 | 66 |
| " 2. | 62 | 40 | 76 | 69 |
| " 3. | 70 | 56 | 78 | 71 |
| " 4. | 74 | 67 | 78 | 64 |
| " 5. | 72 | 64 | 82 | 66 |
| " 6. | 77 | 66 | 82 | 65 |

Total rainfall for the week, .14 inch.

Departure from the normal rainfall for the week, minus .57 inch.

Departure from normal rainfall since Jan. 1st, 1900, plus .52 inch.

HAL P. HARDIN,
Observer Weather Bureau
Jupiter, Fla., Feb. 6, 1900.

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