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CLOSING OF THE CAMPAIGN.

CAMPAIGN rallies, candidates' meetings and political talk-fests have been so fast and furious during the past week that we have almost been unable to keep up with them, and especially to give a detailed account of each. Suffice it to say that during this, the last week of the campaign, politics have been warm and will be so until next Tuesday when the battle of ballots will decide the issues or the choice of the people for the various positions.

During the several weeks of the primary campaign we have adhered strictly to our original declaration to keep the paper out of local politics, giving each candidate a fair show and a good run for his money. We have accepted advertising matter from all who wished to insert it in our columns. Those who did not so wish have not incurred our enmity on that account. For the higher State offices we have expressed our choice and gave our reasons for so doing.

Next Tuesday will settle the agony so far as many of the candidates are concerned, while a few will have to run in the second primary. We are glad to say that very little of the objectional kind of politics have been injected into our local campaign. Every white Democrat should go to the polls next Tuesday and help nominate good men for the offices. Here's hoping the best men will win.

ENTITLED TO ANOTHER TERM.

SENATOR Fred. M. Hudson discusses some more campaign issues in this week's paper which shows that he stands with the people on the questions effecting their interests. He is making his race squarely on his record of four years in the Senate and there is no reason to depart from the time-honored custom of giving a second term to a satisfactory legislative officer. While we have nothing serious against his opponent we believe Senator Hudsin is entitled to at least another term and is in position to do the district more good than ever in the Senate. His so-called antagonism to railroad and business interest is overdrawn and the reports don't hold water when iuvestigated closely. Mr. Watson is clearly an able man and we have no shafts to throw at him and only say that the present Senator is entirely satisfactory, and if returned will give us an equal if not better administration than any new Senator could do.

The pension bug-a-boo is being worked now and the Senator's position on that is being misrepresented. He fully explains his position on this question on page eight. The News Man, as the son of a Conrederate Veteran who fought for the Lost Cause, endorses that position, and if that is the issue to decide the campaign, we must say the opposition is weak indeed.

THAT PROBLEM

AN amusing political quandary confronts the Fort Pierce News. It is opposed to all three of the gubernatorial candidates, considering them all as not up to the proper standard. If Brother Brown expects to find personal perfection on this earth he will be sadly disappointed. —Punta Gorda Herald.

We agree with Brother Jordan on the personal perfection proposition, but he mistakes us; we are not opposing any of them. However repeat what wa said then—that Jeff Browne's platform sounds better and has a clearer ring than either of the others.

IN selecting delegates to the national convention, four are to be voted for from the state at large and twelve or more candidates appear on the ticket. We present the names of four among them and suggest that you pick them out and make your X in front of them. These gentlemenn are all personally known to us and are true democrats who would be an honor to the state in the big convention of democrats in Denver. They are: Max M. Brown, A. J. P. Julian, Frank W. Pope and R. H. Shackleford.

IF you would avoid any possible inconvenience about voting next Tuesday carry your poll tax receipts to the polling place when you go to vote. This will save any possible delay, and will do no harm if they are not needed. Look up receipts for 1906 and 1907.

NEXT year the Press Association meets at St. Augustine and we hope that the date of the meeting will be set at a less busy time for the editors and that we can all be on hand.

NAY, nay, Pauline, the country won't go to the dogs, no matter who is nominated. The sun will shine just as bright, the mocking birds will sing just as sweetly and pumpkins will grow just as big; a coon's love for watermelon will be just as great and all of us Florida Crackers will vote the democratic ticket. So cheer up and vote for the best men next Tuesday, regardless of whether he is a winner.

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