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ered to any part of the city, by  
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Editor Bittinger's excellent Ocala  
Star has been enlarged and changed  
to an eight-page paper to meet in-  
creasing patronage, and looks decid-  
edly better for the change.

The tourist season is near at hand,  
our new hotel will soon be ready  
to receive guests, and it is high time  
that we were doing something in the  
publicity line to let the tourists  
know that Live Oak is on the map  
and is a candidate for their patron-  
age. There is no good reason why  
this city shouldn't reach out for a  
share of the tourist traffic. We will  
be prepared to give them thoroughly  
comfortable quarters this winter, and  
the next number of the program is  
to advertise that fact to them. But  
if we do go in for tourists, we must  
take the hint from St. Augustine and  
clean the town so thoroughly that  
it will be beyond criticism, for people  
who have money to come to Florida  
as winter guests are of the fastidious  
class and they will not stop in a dirty  
town if they find a clean one.

The other day out in California  
Federal Judge Wellborn surprised the  
country and brought dismay to a  
great corporation by imposing a fine  
of nearly one-third of a million dol-  
lars upon the Santa Fe Railway com-  
pany as a penalty for the popular  
railroad crime of rebating. The per-  
sonality of this California Landis is  
interesting and is another illustration  
of the fact that your genuine Confed-  
erate veteran can generally be relied  
on to get to the front and do the  
right thing anywhere you put him.  
Judge Wellborn, who has long been  
famous in California for his great  
ability and learning and force of  
character, is a Confederate veteran  
and a native of Georgia. He was a  
member of the Sixth Georgia Cavalry  
and was wounded at the battle of  
Chickamauga. He surrendered with the  
command of Gen. Joseph Wheeler,  
having reached the grade of  
brevet colonel in the service. Judge  
Wellborn came to California in 1887  
and was appointed to the Federal  
bench by President Cleveland in  
1895. He served four terms in Con-  
gress from the Dallas (Texas) dis-  
trict, being a member of the Forty-  
sixth, Forty-seventh, Forty-eighth  
and Forty-ninth congresses.

The initial number of the South-  
ern Cyclone, an eight-page monthly  
published in this city, has been re-  
ceived. It is well printed, edited with  
vim and vigor in free lance style,  
and has a mission, stated as follows:  
"Our fundamental purpose is to  
ameliorate the conditions surround-  
ing child labor and the treatment of  
dumb animals, to aid in the further-  
ance of which purpose we have organ-  
ized the Southern Legal Adjustment  
Company, to be perfected and ready  
for operation some time next year.  
We have other planks in our plat-  
form, and ask the co-operation of all  
good people in the dissemination of  
truths that may germinate and grow  
for the common good. We are young  
in journalism, and would ask that  
our older brethren be not too harsh  
in their criticisms, but to cover our  
many faults and shortcomings, as  
much as is consistent with their relig-  
ion, with the sweet mantle of char-  
ity. Perhaps you would like to know  
something of the personnel of our  
force. L. A. Crawford, a young  
stenographer, is business manager;  
S. B. Wilson, a disciple of Blackstone  
and Story, is editor. Our cartoonist  
is yet in the making, but will prob-  
ably arrive about Christmas, when  
Santa Claus gets busy with the stock-  
ings."

**THE PENSION RUSH.**

The rush for pensions under the  
new State law still continues at Talla-  
hassee. We used to be mighty handy  
with our criticism of the working of  
the Federal pension law and the  
ever-increasing host of veterans seek-  
ing to snuggle up under its broad  
folds; but now that our turn has  
come in a small way, we discover that  
human nature is pretty much the  
same in all parts of the country and,  
when the law permits it, all of us,  
rich and poor alike, go for the  
pensions down here with the same  
enthusiastic zeal with which they  
have been crowding up to Uncle  
Sam's pension crib in Washington.  
J. H. Reese writes as follows from  
Tallahassee to the Pensacola Jour-  
nal about the pension status at the  
State capitol:

"The work in the pension depart-  
ment continues to flood that office be-  
yond the ability of the force to keep  
up with it. Under the act of the last  
legislature, one clerk was allowed to  
look after the increase of pension  
papers anticipated by the act, but al-  
though several assistants have been  
called in to help with the work, the  
accumulation is such that several  
months will be required to pass on  
those thus far received, and each  
mail brings additional applications.  
Under the new law, the number and  
amount of money of pensioners and  
pensions will be more than doubled,  
and the additional tax levy, permit-  
ting a limit of four mills, will in all  
likelihood be inadequate to meet the  
demand. Yet this is a question  
which the next few months will  
determine with such definiteness as  
to settle the pension matter, for it  
is hardly probably that any further  
amendment will be made to the pen-  
sion law in the sense of making it  
any more liberal. In this connection  
there is one fact which will assist in  
solving the problem. The returns  
from a majority of the counties indi-  
cate that there will be more of an  
increase in taxable values than the  
comptroller estimated. He placed  
the estimate at a total of \$145,000,-  
000, and it looks now as if the figure  
would reach, perhaps go beyond,  
\$150,000,000."

That coming-out convention at  
Ocala on Thursday promises to be a  
big success. The affair has been ar-  
ranged for the benefit of candidates  
for State offices, including that of  
United States senator and representa-  
tives in Congress. They are invited  
to be present and make their coming-  
out speeches, announcing their candi-  
dacy and fully stating their plat-  
forms. This kind of a convention is  
unique in our politics and is the in-  
vention of Editor Harris, of the Ocala  
Banner. If the experiment Thurs-  
day is a success, doubtless we shall  
have such conventions as regular  
features every two years hereafter.  
The prospects are for a large attend-  
ance of candidates and their partisans  
at the convention Thursday, and the  
occasion will be full of interest. Ocala  
has prepared a warm welcome for all,  
and ample police protection against  
premature campaign arguments of  
an ad hominem or otherwise threat-  
ening character.

The Tampa Tribune protests  
against too many nominations for  
Governor, and says that "candidates,  
like poets, should be born not made."  
But before the latter can ascertain  
if they were born for the job, they  
must come out from the herd and be  
tried in the fiery crucible of criticism,  
and the candidate must pass much  
the same ordeal. There is no way  
to dodge either. Let them have their  
inning. Vox Populi is waiting for  
both and licking his hungry chops in  
anticipation. He will do a plenty to  
them. Candidates arouse no resent-  
ment in us. Rather do they excite  
a gentle commiseration, for we see in  
advance of the fact their poor  
pathetic little bones whitening on the  
iron-bound coast of politics, mute  
memorials of defeated hopes, broken  
hearts and blasted ambitions. Many  
are called but few are chosen, and  
no logic on earth but the cold figures  
of the election returns can ever con-  
vince the former that they were not  
predestined to be the latter.

The State press is saying many nice  
things about Editor Storrs, of De-  
Funiak, as a candidate for Governor,  
and even the Punta Gorda Herald,  
first, last and all the time for General  
Gilchrist, can find nothing worse to  
say about the DeFuniak man than  
that he is "ornary" in his personal ap-

pearance. Nothing in it. Storrs may  
be short on pulchritude, but he's  
long on brains and character and  
executive ability, and we have yet to  
learn that pulchritude is a necessary  
or even valuable part of the equip-  
ment of a good governor. John  
Sharp Williams, of Mississippi, is one  
of the very foremost public men in  
this country, a man of immense, in-  
calculable utility to the South in  
these onanous times, and Storrs  
could almost set up for a beauty  
alongside of him. Likewise there are  
others, many others.

The other day in Atlanta a corres-  
pondent of the St. Louis Globe-Dem-  
ocrat caught Joel Chandler Harris  
(Uncle Remus) in a corner where he  
couldn't help himself and actually got  
an interview out of him. In that in-  
terview Uncle Remus said a whole lot  
of interesting things, but nothing  
better than this:

"The most important conviction of  
my life was when I came fully to  
realize that a personal providence  
watched over me from day to day.  
With me it is no longer a belief, but  
a fact. I have been on the brink of  
ruin many times and God has always  
rescued me."

That's a lay sermon in a few words  
that would make this old world with  
all its problems, large and small, a  
much better place to live in than it is  
if all men would believe it.

**THINGS TO FORGET.**

If you see a tall fellow ahead of a  
crowd,  
A leader of men marching fearless  
and proud,  
And you know of a tale whose mere  
telling aloud  
Would cause his proud head to in-  
anguish be bowed,  
It's a pretty good plan to forget it.  
If you know of a skeleton hidden  
away  
In a closet, and guarded, and kept  
from the day  
In the dark; and whose showing,  
whose sudden display  
Would cause grief and sorrow and  
lifelong dismay,  
It's a pretty good plan to forget it.  
If you know of a thing that will  
darken the joy  
That will wipe out a smile, or the  
least way annoy  
A fellow, or cause any gladness to  
floy,  
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