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THE CANDIDATES AT PEDRO

The candidate procession gayly proceeded to Pedro yesterday morning, led by Dr. Light, many predicting it would be his position in his triumphal march towards Tallahassee on the morning of May 20th. Be that as it may, Mr. Light, with his fine black high stepper, bred on Lake Light, led the van and gave those who followed a lively chase to Pedro school house a short distance west of Miles Proctor's residence and store, where the committeeman of the precinct, Dr. C. A. Snow, was in waiting with some twenty-five of the yeomanry of the land led by Robert Perry the heavy weight farmer of that neighborhood, tipping the scales at 350.

The regret was general that the meeting was not more largely attended, but unfortunately the oat crop, and a good one, had just been harvested and had to be put into the barns, as the cantaloupe and tomato crop which promises a record breaker was on their hands and the oats had to be put away for what was to follow.

At that meeting we saw the picturesque scene of farmers coming by the school house on top of a big load of oats, stop for five or ten minutes to listen to the words of wisdom of those who sought the high offices in the gift of the people, pass on to be followed by a neighbor, and so on for the four hours that the candidates held sway.

All the candidates were present except Dr. Griffith, of Dunnellon, Registration Officer Beck, Prof. Brinson coming all the way from Oxford, being brought to the meeting behind his fine coal black horse "Diamond." W. L. Martin, the Sparr candidate for the legislature, was a little belated and was only allowed five minutes of hot air pressure, which hardly gave the eloquent candidate time to speak his richly poetic and beautiful lines on "My old and unrivalled Southern home," to say nothing of his attitude on true and tried democracy, with free and unlimited whisky thrown in for good measure and the fearful picture he drew of the negro domination by qualifying the black vote to carry a wet or dry election.

Capt. S. R. Pyles was a new leader in the political procession and made his maiden speech, which was as excellent as it was modest.

C. Y. Miller, candidate for sheriff, made the oratorical hit of the day and convulsed the audience with laughter. In reply to Mr. Miller, Mr. J. L. Smoak, another aspirant for the same office, remarked as Mr. Miller was the only candidate making the race for glory and not the filthy lucre, he would no doubt donate the salary attached to the public school fund, or some equally worthy cause. Mr. Miller replied by saying it was true he had made his nest egg and was liberal to a degree that had won the encomiums of his neighbors, but his benevolently inclined heart did not expand to that degree of glory, and it was true that he did desire the office for the honor, so that like his gloriously illustrious prototype of pure and undefiled democracy, he could skip from the high sheriff's office to that of governor of Florida; that he had the ability and could easily make a better speech than the gubernatorial candidates now in the field. But laying all jokes aside, C. Y. did develop a speakfast talent that proved a genuine surprise to his hearers as well as a bushel of fun.

Every attendant regretted the meeting was set for Monday and in consequence there could be no picnic attachment, and the ladies were equally sorry, but they remained at home to provide a feast for the exhausted candidates. Every man's horse and himself was provided for. Dr. T. K. Slaughter came over from Levon and returned home, 2 1/2 miles distant, with four candidates, but Miles Proctor waylaid their vehicle temporarily and then conducted the occupants into the large dining room and with eight others gave them a dinner that the eaters are still bragging about. The toothsome meal was prepared by Mrs. Proctor and her two accomplished daughters.

The veteran, Henry Shaw, was there and the Star reporter with Mr. Smoak and Mr. Swearingen, who swapped homes with Mr. Shaw, were his guests, and a bounteous feast it was.

The people of this section propose to build a new school house and locate it in a more central position. Its session just closed was taught by Prof. P. Wilson Green and wife of Belleview, and they had ninety scholars. In no section of Marion were finer crops seen, nor anywhere are there more industrious farmers and truckers. They did not really suffer for rain and with the excellent cultivation the corn is about tasselling. The fields are yellow with shocks of oats and as the county is thickly settled and never cut of sight of a house the scene was a pleasant one to the eye.

Mr. Miles Proctor is the manager of the Dallas Truckers Union and the success attending their labors last season is still spoken of. He also conducts a very creditable country store and handles the mails for a large section of country and is an intelligent

cultivator of the soil and has one of the most magnificent melon fields to be found anywhere.

Mr. Alf. Proctor, the gang plow farmer of that section and a "political bull pen" celebrity of years past, was on the sick list and could not be present, which all regretted, for his genial smile and warm handclasp was missing.

Dan Munroe is said to have the finest tomato patch of any one around. He will begin to ship next week. Cantaloupes will begin to move this week. Among other farmers we saw at the meeting were Mr. Lovell, Merchant and Farmer Clayburn, Mr. Harrell, Capt. Johns, J. C. Perry, Mr. West Tompkins and a bunch of Perrys and Proctors, including the old reliable John R. Proctor.

Will J. Edwards, of Ocala, was in the crowd, while Jim Thomas of Sparr accompanied his brother-in-law, Mr. W. L. Martin. Mrs. T. K. Slaughter and a fair friend were at the meeting from Levon in an elegant turnout just presented by the doctor to his charming wife.

The Misses Lizzie and Blanche Proctor, Miss Snow and Miss Nannie Perry, four capable and accomplished teachers of the Pedro section, will leave shortly for Tallahassee to enter the normal at that place.

Mr. C. H. Dame was among those present at the Pedro meeting.

MONDAY NIGHT AT BELLEVIEW

We have not time to report the Belleview meeting of last night, which was large and enthusiastic, with a splendid delegation of ladies. We will simply say Precinct Committeeman Freeman with other good democrats, notably Judge L. L. Hopkins, R. C. Ridge, Oscar Gale, Charlie Tremere, etc., were in waiting when the procession rolled in at dark and places were assigned the candidates to regale the inner man. Our lot, with Judge Bell, fell among pleasant and delightful home like surroundings at the home of Judge Hopkins and his most charming wife, who certainly knows how to entertain her guests. The other candidates found equally favored hosts and hostesses.

Promptly at 8 o'clock the town bell rang. The building was full to overflowing. Judge Hopkins presided and made an ideal presiding officer, while Committeeman Freeman was time-keeper.

Asher Frank, candidate for supervisor of registration, was the first man on the firing line, and in his straightforward manner addressed the Belleview voters and in a few words defined his position and why all should vote for him. Asher is well known to the Belleview voters and will get a good support at that place.

We haven't time to go into the particulars of the talks made, but the speaking lasted until midnight and how those women and men did sit it out—some of them looked as if glued to their seats.

Dr. Newsom, Will Lucius and John H. Spencer came down in the doctor's auto and Spencer became so fascinated with the oratory that the lights had to be put out before he would bring the party home.

Summerfield sent up a large delegation consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Davis, Tom Davis, Dolf Mitchell, candidate for county commissioner and who was almost lost in the shuffle of candidates, as his name for a time was overlooked, but later was brought to the front. W. E. McGahagin, another candidate from Lake Weir, was in evidence and made a very pleasant talk. Sam Dillard, Mr. McWhite and others we cannot recall were on hand. Today the candidates are at Candler.

I. S. GIDDENS

For District Delegate to the Democratic National Convention at Denver

Editor Star:—Among the several candidates for district delegate to the National Democratic Convention appears the name of I. S. Giddens, of Tampa.

I want to say a good word for him. He has not asked me to do so, but I am impelled by personal friendship for him, and by knowledge of his high character as a man, to commend him to all democratic voters in the approaching primary.

Mr. Giddens favors the nomination of W. J. Bryan for President, as, I believe, do all the other candidates from this district.

He is an upright man, with a record clean, honorable and stainless in politics, business and private life.

I hope the democrats of this section of the district will give him their vote.

Yours truly,
R. L. Anderson.

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MORTON VS. STOCKTON

A Prominent Citizen of Levy County Throws More Light on the Controversy

Montbrook, Fla., May 11, 1908.

Editor Star:—I read in the columns of your paper last week, the address of Hon. Gus A. Morton, a Levy county candidate for State Senate, who has ceased apparently to look after his own interest in the county, and is giving his time and attention to telling certain things he knows, or claims to know, regarding some business transactions of Mr. Stockton's, in which he (Gus) is made to suffer. It is worthy of note right here that not once has Mr. Morton made his famous address before a Levy county audience where some of the people are more or less familiar with the business of the Levy County Phosphate Co.

In view of certain statements made by Mr. Morton in his address at Ocala, which might prove misleading to those who know nothing of the matter, I desire to make a few statements which I hope will serve to throw more light upon certain transactions on which Mr. Morton puts much emphasis.

1st. The 20 acres of land bought of Mr. M. Sistrunk in 1902 for the sum of \$250 or \$300 was never worked after its purchase by the Levy County Phosphate Co. Not one ton of phosphate was mined after its purchase from Mr. Sistrunk. I note that Mr. Morton states that 2000 or 3000 tons of phosphate were mined from this property.

I note also that he (Morton) was very much shocked, and his confidence in Stockton was destroyed when he discovered that he (Stockton) had persuaded Mr. Sistrunk to make new deeds to himself covering this property, thus taking from the Levy County Phosphate Company and the Dutton Phosphate Company assets that properly belonged to them.

It is true that Mr. Sistrunk under instruction of Gus Morton first made deeds covering this piece of property to Levy County Phosphate Co., attached a sight draft on Mr. J. N. C. Stockton, Jacksonville, Fla., placed the deed in the bank and the draft was paid and the deed delivered to Mr. Stockton. It is also true that at a later date Mr. Stockton came back to Mr. Sistrunk and stated that this piece of property, although made to Levy Phosphate Co., was paid for by himself, and therefore, was not the property of the Levy County Phosphate Co., and as the deed first given was not of record, Mr. Sistrunk readily executed a new deed to Mr. Stockton for the property, not against his will or better judgment, but because he believed Mr. Stockton had paid for the property, and that it rightfully belonged to him.

I have not heard that Mr. Morton was visiting foreign lands about that time that he should not have known perfectly well that Mr. Stockton had obtained the new deed, for it is a fact that Mr. Stockton was staying at Mr. Morton's house at the time, also that he drove Mr. Morton's horse and buggy



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GUS GETS AFTER GEORGE

Challenges Mr. Mathews to Meet Him in Joint Debate After the First Primary

Williston, Fla., May 9, 1908.

Mr. Geo. G. Mathews, Bartow, Fla.:—I understand from some of my friends that you advocated Mr. Stockton for Governor at Flemington in your speech on the 8th inst., and as May the 19th is close at hand and in my county I am running for State Senator against two lawyers and it is hard to tell who will be in the second primary. If I am not in the second primary, I make you this proposition—that if Mr. Stockton is in the second primary, you select twelve (12) places where you would like to speak and allow me to select as many, and we will meet in joint debate, and not only speak at places mentioned but I will go over the entire State of Florida with you—I advocating the candidacy of either Mr. Browne or Mr. Gilchrist, whichever may be in the second primary, and you Mr. Stockton. If this meets your approval, kindly advise me and oblige, Yours respectfully, Gus A. Morton.

DELICIOUS BANANA CREAM

This recipe is highly recommended by one of our correspondents; try it for desert tomorrow:

Peel five large bananas, rub smooth with five teaspoonfuls of sugar. Add one teacup sweet cream, beaten to a stiff froth, then add one 10c. package of Lemon JELL-O dissolved in 1 1/2 teacups boiling water. Pour into mold and when cold garnish with candied cherries. Serve with whipped cream, or any good pudding sauce. JELL-O is sold by all grocers at 10c. per package.

SPEAKING AT PINE

The Hon. N. P. Bryan will address the people of Pine Friday, May 15th. E. L. Wartmann.

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WEATHER FORECAST

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