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REV. BINGHAM'S ADDRESS

Rev. J. W. Bingham, pastor of the First Methodist church, Jacksonville, spoke in the courthouse last evening to a good sized audience, many of whom were ladies. The meeting was advertised as a Stockton gathering, and was in the sense that Stockton was a better temperance man than Gilchrist, yet it was a plea against the efforts of the liquor interests of Jacksonville and the state at large to elect Albert Gilchrist governor with their money and whisky.

The speaker was introduced by Mr. William Hocker as a Kentuckian of eloquence and resolution. The speaker said he had ever fought for temperance, sobriety, home and native land. He gave his experience of his pastorate in Tallahassee. He saw the town was cursed with saloons. He told his wife he was up against it and he would see what was to be done. That was some eight years ago. He made inquiry if the town had a W. C. T. U. It did, consisting of eleven members. He presented himself at one of its meetings, very much to the delight of those present, as he was the first man to honor them with a visit. The situation was discussed. He said action was necessary, and work was at once begun. The business men were interviewed by him. Did they want the saloon expelled? It was a shock to them. The saloon had existed for seventy years in their midst. They didn't see how it could be done if they tried. After great effort twenty-six business men conceded the saloon was not a desirable institution in their midst, but only part of this number were willing to fight the issue. To make a long story short, the campaign was on and after an eventful and fierce fight, temperance won and the saloon is now a back number in the Capitol City. While in Tallahassee he made the acquaintance of Messrs. Jefferson B. Browne and Albert W. Gilchrist.

When the campaign came on having known Browne and Gilchrist and observed their record as public men, he was interested in the statements made by those candidates. He took to Jeff Browne because of his pronounced position on state prohibition. He did not know Stockton, but after the first primary began to look into the man's qualifications and his position on prohibition, as he did not like the way the liquor men had supported Gilchrist.

He said he read several editorials in the Times-Union, in which the writer deeply regretted injecting into the campaign temperance sentiment. The paper quoted Watterson in that the democratic party was greater than any man, hence voters should shun such sophistry that if persisted in would disrupt the glorious old democracy. The speaker said he knew Henry Watterson all his life; saw him so drunk he could not spit over his chin and it came with bad grace from men of that class to say that when the democratic party injects the temperance question into the issues of the day it will die.

He spoke of the enormous sums of money pouring into the state used to elect Gilchrist and control the legislature in the interests of the liquor men. He said the handwriting was on the wall, the liquor men saw it and for this they were doing everything in their power to avert their defeat.

He read letters showing a whisky firm in Chattanooga was sending jugs of liquor to various parties in this state with their compliments and hoping the recipients would vote for Gilchrist. He detailed how the Jacksonville Ministers' Union got possession of the fact that large sums of money were being sent into the state to elect Gilchrist. Said the sum up to a few weeks ago was \$360,000. That Rev. Dr. Boggs, whose character was unimpeachable, unearthed this story. It was this fact that made the ministers of the gospel in Jacksonville band together and go forth to battle for temperance in this campaign. He read a letter from those ministers calling on him to give his services in the cause so that the people of the state might be apprised of the facts.

Inasmuch as Mr. Stockton's character had been assailed, he stated what Mr. Stockton's pastor had said about his home life and of the pleasant and congenial conditions that prevailed there. Such a man could not be bad. Others who had known Mr. Stockton all their lives said the same thing.

Spoke of the condemnation by the liquor men of the preachers of the land because they fought against this monster evil, but it was all right for them to debauch the land by their nefarious efforts. He said it was all very well for Jacksonville to snort for local option. You can't change the conditions there for a thousand years. Why? because these same cohorts for whisky pay the poll taxes for a thousand negroes and by those names augmenting the registration books there is no possibility of securing a wet and dry election. He then asked the audience to stand up if they favored the negro in politics. None stood up.

To the question, who is bringing the negro into politics, he said the liquor men. Who is paying their poll tax?

The liquor men, and hence it comes with poor grace from that part of our community to teach respectable and God fearing men what is their duty in the premises. He had nothing to say personally of General Gilchrist, except that he ought to wash his hands of the crowd that is boosting his candidacy with money and booze to elect him.

The speaker said that it was only because of this death grapple of the liquor interests in Florida politics today that he and others who thought like him were making the fight and trying to place a man in the gubernatorial chair who will not owe his seat to whisky.

Rev. Bingham told several stories to illustrate and emphasize his contention. He is a very earnest speaker, has a fine flow of language and drew several impressive pictures of the power and glory of the ministry and of the women of the land for the betterment of society. He is a good mimic and made several hits by the facial expression he threw into his discourse.

**MONTHLY MEETING
CONFEDERATE VETERANS**

Marion Camp No. 56, U. C. V. met in regular session at the city council chamber Tuesday morning. Comrade C. E. Harris presided in the absence of Commander L. M. Graham. Those present were:

D. H. Irvine, E. T. Williams, F. M. Townsend, Thomas Sistrunk, D. A. Smith, B. H. Norris, W. P. Moorman, John M. Martin, J. H. Livingston, T. L. Lancaster, H. W. Long, R. A. Kelsey, L. L. Aiken, W. L. Ditto, Frank E. Harris.

A letter was received from the Southern Railway to the effect that that road had been selected by General McGill as the official route and that special provisions had been made for the comfort of the veterans attending the re-union at Birmingham. Mr. Harrison, representing the Southern, was present and addressed the meeting. A special train will leave Jacksonville Sunday night at 7:30 o'clock, arriving at Birmingham at noon Monday. This will give the veterans ample time to reach the city for the opening session, Tuesday morning.

Two new members were elected in the persons of Mr. H. C. Mills of Ocala and Mr. J. O. Turnipseed of McIntosh. The following members were elected delegates to the re-union, viz: Dr. D. A. Smith of Anthony, J. O. Turnipseed, McIntosh, B. H. Norris, J. H. McKinney and W. O. Massey, of Ocala and D. H. Irvine of Orange Lake.

W. L. Ditto, chairman of the memorial committee, read the resolution and report of the committee, which was printed in yesterday's Star.

The camp accepted the invitation of the Daughters of the Confederacy to be present at the dinner given today in honor of Jefferson Davis' 100th anniversary, and the members agreed to meet at the council chamber at ten o'clock this morning. The camp then adjourned.

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Dr. Blitch attended the commencement exercises of Columbia College at Lake City, where his daughter, Miss Legie and son, Master Landis, were students. The doctor was greatly pleased with the exercises and showing made by the students.

The A. C. L. railway has put on a passenger coach on the Leesburg local freight which reaches Ocala at from 9 to 10 a. m. and returns in the afternoon between 4 and 6 o'clock. The coach is attached in the morning at Weirsdale and left there in the evening. It will prove a great convenience to summer residents on the lake.

Jack McCully, the farmer and trucker in the Berlin section, was in town yesterday and reported continued dry weather, but notwithstanding this he made his bean crop pay all the expenses attached to its gathering and shipping. Jack says crops generally look well and with a rain in a day or two things will turn out nicely for the farmer.

FOR RENT—The corner store now occupied by the Berlin Theater. Occupancy June 1st. Apply to Mrs. T. H. Wallis.

Mr. Drew Jones of the Williston section, was in town the other day and reports continued dry weather in his part of Marion. Speaking of the political crowd at Williston last week, said it was the largest gathering of the kind in the history of the village.

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OLD SOLDIERS ENTERTAINED

A Splendid Dinner Given to the Marion County Confederate Veterans

Dickson Chapter, U. D. C. to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Jefferson Davis, president of the Confederate States, tendered the members of Marion Camp No. 56, U. C. V., a magnificent dinner in the Gary grove, which was served promptly at noon, and although a slight shower fell at 11:45 it in no way disturbed the meeting. The veterans gathered around the festive board and did justice to the repast that had been prepared by the noble women who constitute the Ocala chapter.

After dinner the veterans were called to order by Comrade H. W. Long, who introduced Captain W. L. Ditto as the oldest member in the camp, he being past 84 and still hale and hearty. He returned thanks for the bounteous feast served them by the ladies and in doing so gracefully referred to the memorable personage, whose memory they celebrated today, that of Jefferson Davis. He gave a number of incidents of his life and the distinguished services he had rendered his country and the South.

Rev. C. C. Carroll was called on and made one of his characteristic brilliant and inspiring addresses. He put everyone in a good humor by telling a story about the darkey and 'possum and then gave thrilling incidents of his life as a soldier for six months during the Spanish-American War.

Mr. Carroll then told of some of the great men of the "Lost Cause," in which the names of Davis and Lee brought forth applause.

As all the other comrades declined to speak, Hon. Henry W. Long, a gallant soldier of Marion during the 60's, was asked to add his mite to the day's reminiscences and did so in a thrilling narrative of his experience at Coal Harbor, Va., on the 3rd of June, 1864, telling how his regiment got into a bloody fight and almost in a breath 100 of them had been killed or wounded. He told of the gallantry and heroism of Captains Byrd and Fleming, and many other incidents of intense and thrilling pathos.

Col. John M. Martin's memory was refreshed on the incident told of by Mr. Long and he contributed his voice to a thrilling narrative of the occasion, differing with Mr. Long in one or two minor points.

The editor of the Star was called on for a few remarks, but he declined to make a lengthy address, thanking the ladies for the toothsome spread he had been invited to and after making a few remarks about the celebration of such days and nation's heroes, retired.

It was then recalled that Dr. W. H. Lodge was also a veteran, but whose presence was overlooked because he came late to dinner. He was called on and responded in a light vein of humor that quickly won his hearers to him. He denied the soft impeachment that he was a veteran, but had escaped its glory because of his youth and pointed to his dome of thought as proof of his assertions, which had been overlooked by Chairman Long, who apologized to the youthful soldier.

He told of his experience in Columbus, Ga., at the close of the war when he and a faithful servant of the family were called to save the stock of his widowed mother and how with hairbreadth escapes and thrilling incidents of that night they succeeded.

Mr. H. W. Long then recalled the fact that one name in this day's commemoration had been overlooked, that of General Stephen D. Lee, late commander of the Confederate Veterans, to whose brilliant memory as soldier and citizen he paid a glowing tribute.

Mrs. Fannie R. Gary, president of Dickson chapter, then presented a cross of honor to Andrew J. Harrell, of Lake Weir. This worthy veteran was not present, but Mr. John E. Bailey accepted it for him. Mrs. Gary said she had no speech but the sentiments she had so often spoken on similar occasions would voice her sentiments today.

This closed one of the brightest, sweetest and happiest days in the life of the old veterans present and every look, and gesture attested the deep love and gratitude they felt at the



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Those we noted present were Col. Jno. M. Martin, Joe Shuford, L. L. Aiken, Col. J. H. Livingston, W. C. Jeffords, Frank Harris, E. T. Williams, Major J. T. Lancaster, Capt. W. L. Ditto, Wayne MacDonald, P. H. Norris, Ocala; Dixon Irvine, Oaklawn; Mont Atkinson, Oldtown; Mr. Hinton, Sharps Ferry; Mr. Roller, south of town; Uncle Mabe Carter, Carter's Ford; C. C. Stevens, Berlin; Col. L. P. Miller, south of town; Mr. Evans, Candler; Robert Frink, Fellowship; J. M. Graham, Conner; Volney Seckinger, Berlin; Robert Harrison Beck, Dow Beck's father, Montbrook, and a few others we cannot recall.

Among those daughters who so generously spent themselves that the old soldiers might feast were Mrs. Gary, Mrs. Waterman, the Mesdames Lancaster, Mrs. J. R. Moorhead, Mrs. W. D. Graham, Mrs. E. P. Moody, Mrs. E. L. Carney, Mrs. R. B. Bullock, Mrs. R. G. Blake and others. Mrs. Gibbs, a guest of Mrs. Moody, was present. Mr. Britt Sanders, of Dunnellon, was in evidence and did noble service in assisting the ladies. It was truly a memorable occasion.

BLANDING-HALE

Mr. A. H. Blanding, of Gainesville, and Miss Mildred Hale, of Dunnellon, were married in the former city Monday morning. The bride is a most charming young lady, and has many friends in Ocala, where she several times visited her sister, Mrs. Q. E. Peacock.

GENERAL BULLER

Sir Henry Redvers Buller, the British general who hammered his way into Ladysmith despite the gallant resistance of the Boers in 1900, died at his home in England yesterday, aged 69 years.

WING THE WINNER

Tampa, June 3.—In the most hotly contested municipal election in Tampa's history, Frank L. Wing yesterday was elected mayor by a majority of between 250 and 300 over William H. Precker, the incumbent, who was a candidate for re-election.

The following teachers are taking the examination at the Ocala High School building: Misses Alleluia Beck, Berlin; Josie Brant, Electra; Eva D. Johnson, Reddick; Martha L. Maine, Leonardsville, N. Y.; Leila Marsh, Ocala; Irvine Noble, Romeo; Caroline Pasteur, Stanton; Elsie Schneider, Ocala; Shelton Souter; Sparr; Annie F. Wilson, Reddick and Maude J. Harter, Sparr.

The Star acknowledges a pleasant call from Mrs. Van P. Kelsey, of Stanton, who is in town to meet her father, J. E. Gaskill, of Marion, Ind., but who nine years ago was sanitary inspector of Ocala. Mrs. Kelsey took this occasion to surprise her father and supply the editor's table with the finest honey ever found by Marion county bees.

Every person who attended the speaking at the courthouse last night was impressed with the bright yet soft light that flooded the court room. It was the work of the Ocala Gas Co., which company recently installed gas burners throughout the building.

In our special reduction sale we will have lots of fun in crockery and toilet sets. Our bowls and pitchers, large globe shape, now 89 cents; white plates, dinner size, now 39 cents set. At the Ocala Bazaar Store, Gadson.

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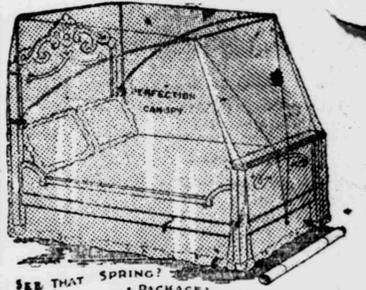
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WEATHER FORECAST

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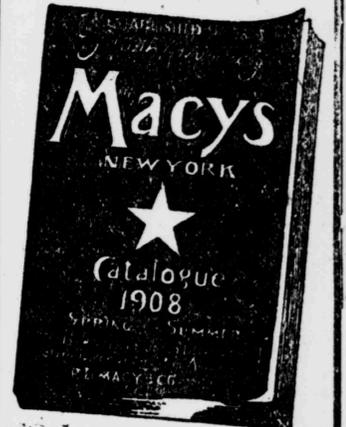
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