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GEORGE W. WILSON

We would not be acting our part as a friend of the late George W. Wilson, editor-in-chief of the Jacksonville Times-Union, did we not have a word to contribute to the memory of this distinguished citizen of Florida.

Our acquaintance began with Geo. W. Wilson twenty years ago. We first met him at his delightful home, "Oak-lawn," near Orange Lake, where as the owner of a beautiful and profitable orange grove he lived a life of comfort, culture and mental improvement.

The occasion referred to was that of a county campaign itinerary, in which the late General Dickinson was seeking the honors and emoluments of county treasurer and to which office the old war hero was elevated. A dozen or more candidates were Mr. Wilson's guests on this occasion and the easy, entertaining and cordial manner in which he made his guests feel at home won the good will and friendship of them all.

He was a devoted and loyal democrat and no man in Marion ever served the party more unselfishly than he and whatever honors he was the recipient none carried them more becomingly or was more faithful to the trust than George W. Wilson. His geniality of disposition was as noted as was the kindness of heart and the generosity with which he proffered assistance to the unfortunate and needy.

No man ever breathed in Marion who was more loving and devoted to his county's material interests as proved by the service he rendered as president of the Semi-Tropical Exposition, which was held in the city from 1889 to 1892. We had an opportunity to note his unselfish services to the cause of educating the people through expositions, and he was ever found ready to put his hand in his pocket and help the exposition, which was one of the most successful and splendid in accruing results ever held in the state.

There were few men like George Wilson and those who saw his true disposition, unswerving loyalty and fidelity to friend and cause, will ever honor his memory. He truly lived so that the world was better and brighter for his having served in it, and his memory will thus be cherished by those who knew him best and can appreciate the noble manhood and generous soul that held close communion with the world.

C. H. Mathis, the extensive melon and cantaloupe grower, with his partner, Mr. Ray, have placed us under obligations. They know how to push their business and Mr. Mathis is an old hand at the game, having grown and marketed melons for the past twenty-five years and also is a pioneer in the growing and selling of cantaloupes. He has been in that business since it developed in a car-load product, which dates back to 1899. Mr. Mathis makes it a season's business of both melons and cantaloupes. He begins with Florida. He has thoroughly tried the different soils in the state and says there is none like Marion's for this fruit. This season he and his partner have in 790 acres of melons and 500 acres of cantaloupes. They are now averaging twelve cars of melons a day and in a week expect to average thirty to forty cars a day. In cantaloupes they are shipping ten to twelve cars a day, having shipped the later number from lands now owned by Mr. Mathis and bought of Col. L. P. Miller adjacent to Miller's siding, five miles south of town. Next week Mr. Mathis will proceed to his Georgia fields around Albany, then to the Carolinas and later to Colorado, where in September he will end his strenuous season in the cultivation and sale of cantaloupes and watermelons. Speaking of fine melons we refer to the one presented to the Star office. One he presented to the Banner office weighed forty-eight pounds. Two others they weighed in the field pulled the beam at fifty-nine pounds, but were not ripe enough to pluck. Mr. Mathis is a graduate in the cantaloupe and melon business and it is interesting to hear him detail the plans he always has on tap to carry out his ideas and make the industry a profitable one.

Meeting of P. meet Monday night.

COMPARE THE RECORDS OF BITTINGER AND LIGHT

I have been a voter in Marion for twenty-five years and I have never voted any but the democratic ticket. Can Light say the same?

I have served the party with fidelity from the day in 1884, at Summerfield, when the candidates, Messrs. H. W. Long, J. M. Martin, the late Porter Smith, of Wacahoota, E. T. Williams and others were making the campaign for county and state offices, when County Superintendent M. L. Payne granted the request of the candidates to have the trustees of the Summerfield school, of which I was teacher, close the school for a week, that I might accompany the candidates over the eastern and southern portion of the county.

Again, in 1886, Hon. H. W. Long, chairman of the county democratic executive committee, requested me to make the canvass with the late A. P. Paskin and Frank Pooser for representative, in which strenuous canvass the democratic party won the first signal victory in Marion after reconstruction and defeated Hugh Miller and Henry W. Chandler. For the service I rendered the party I was warmly congratulated by many leading democrats and in every campaign since I have had a part in the political fights in Marion.

I desire the voters of Marion to compare this record with that given by my competitor, L. S. Light, who for years after casting his citizenship in Marion worshipped at the shrine of the G. O. P., but when the "black and tan" was discredited, he trained with the democratic hosts until populism broke loose and ran rampant over the South, and even here in Marion democratic fortresses came near being captured by the pops, and Light was among their battling warriors asking at their hands party honors. Failing in this he returned to the ranks of the democratic party and immediately sought office, deluding himself and many others, that he had a nostrum, a cure-all for the ills of party and state.

With this record before the democrats of Marion, am I presumptuous to ask their suffrage on June 16th?

Do not take this as campaign thunder, nor my word for it, but ask such men as Hon. H. W. Long, Col. J. M. Martin, D. A. Miller, E. P. Thagard, A. D. Mitchell, R. C. Ridge, John L. Leitner, A. R. Griffin, Dr. D. A. Smith, John Luffman, E. L. Wartmann, W. E. Allen, J. C. Mathews, Dr. S. H. Blitch, Ben R. Blitch, George Blitch, all democrats of proved fidelity and standing all over the county, if I do not speak the truth.

Very respectfully, C. L. BITTINGER.

A voter informed a Star reporter yesterday that he received two letters from the D. U. Fletcher bureau. The one setting forth his candidacy, and the other thanking the party addressed for his support in the first primary and sincerely trusting for his vote again. The party in this case had a good laugh, for he was frank enough to say he had not voted for Mr. Fletcher and some one had misinformed his literary bureau. It was suggested the local per diem man might have been the author in naming the voter as a Fletcher man.

Friends of John Collins, the versatile editor of the Tallahassee True Democrat, will regret to learn that he is to retire from newspaper work, which is shown by the following in his last issue:

"Owing to continued ill health, the editor and proprietor of this newspaper and job printing office, showing on the face of the newspaper to be a live and good paying business in all departments, has decided to make a quick sale at reasonable price, and retire to a quiet out-door life, if he can get a purchaser. Nothing but spot cash will do it, as I have decided it best to sacrifice a good business rather than to continue in the work in my terribly run-down condition."

Information comes from High Springs to the effect that Peyton Pailey, a young white man charged with the killing of a negro near High Springs about three weeks ago, has been discharged in Justice Bexley's court, as the evidence was to the effect that the defendant was compelled to act in self defense.—Gainesville Sun.

Mr. Bailey returned Sunday from High Springs, where he had a hearing the day before. The particulars of the case are as follows: The negro, who was under Bailey's orders, was not doing his work properly and when spoken to about it, advanced on Pailey with a shovel. After retreating as far as he could go, Bailey fired and the negro fell mortally wounded. Bailey came down to Ocala that same night and on the advice of his friends remained here until sent for. He had no trouble in proving a clear case of self-defense. "Peyton" is well known in Ocala, particularly in the Star office, where he worked for years, and his friends very well know he is not likely to be the aggressor in any difficulty.

Mr. Leavengood, the Stanton merchant, was in town today, getting assistance from our people to construct a dock and a dozen bath rooms to accommodate the Ocala visitors down that way this summer. It is a move in the right direction and we hope he will be successful with the enterprise.

The teachers taking the examinations for the second and third grade certificates will close their labors today, and the first grade examinations will be finished tomorrow.

"LIGHTNING FROM LIGHT"

Is Only Stage Lighting and Accompanied with Sheet-Iron Thunder

Referring to Mr. Bittinger's piece in the Weekly Star on "Light's Delusion," will say "that's the stuff," Mr. Bittinger. Why, that's a regular peach. Light, in looking through the pin-hole of the past, sees an editor of two newspapers who was beaten for county treasurer by a county boy. Two years ago this same great editor, in a legislative race, came out fourth, and in the last race had less than 30 votes more than enough to be in the second race with Light.—L. S. Light, in Ocala Banner.

The editor of the Star has not had, and never will have, any heartburnings over the fact that other men have received more votes than he in contests for public office. He has always found himself able to sincerely congratulate a successful opponent, and has no doubt that he could do so again. If Mr. Light will reverse that pinhole through which he is peering, he will see several defeats of his own.

Mr. Light goes on to say: "Mr. Bittinger be not deceived, 'God is not mocked, for whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap.' Your prohibition speeches on every stump, and your 'Georgia Corn, one year old, for \$1.75 per gallon,' as advertised in the Weekly Star is not hot air delusion. The pin-hole shows Mr. Bittinger dry with his tongue, and the influence of the Star sold to the wets against the dries at the same time. There is no delusion, Mr. Bittinger, in the fact that you can't serve God and mammon, neither can you honestly preach prohibition with hot air and at the same time rake in the cold cash from the barroom ads. and make the people believe you are consistent."

In the foregoing paragraph Mr. Light is neither consistent or truthful. The liquor interests have never received any editorial or personal help from the editor of the Star. During the wet or dry campaigns in Marion county, the editor worked and voted for prohibition, and whenever he expressed an editorial opinion on the subject it was against the saloons. The columns of the Star were open to both parties, and both parties used them, and if the dry advocates did not fill as many columns as the wet it was their own fault. We did not solicit advertising from either; and what is more, we printed all notices of meetings, rallies, etc., for the dry side free; and on the last day of the campaign we held the paper long after its usual closing time in order to admit an article which the prohibitionists received on the afternoon train and deemed of vital importance to their cause to get in print. When Mr. Light refuses to sell the produce of his farm to anti-prohibitionists, he can consistently criticize the Star for selling its advertising space to those who are willing to pay for it. We regret that Mr. Light's depraved taste confines him to reading only the whiskey advertisements in the Star. There are many good things advertised in the paper, and in the course of a year many columns of temperance and church news printed free, but Mr. Light confines his observation solely to that which he considers evil. There are several whiskey advertisements in the issue of the Banner which he uses as a medium to express his thoughts. Before he considers himself consistent, Mr. Light must stop reading the Star, the Banner, the Times-Union or any other paper that prints a whiskey advertisement. Every time he buys and reads one of the said papers, he to a certain extent contributes to the support of the saloon. We do not think Mr. Light is disinterestedly zealous about prohibition or severely shocked by whiskey advertisements. It is more likely that he brought the issue up in order to set off his economic vagaries and distract attention from his variegated political career.

EDITOR HOLLY ON CANDIDATES (Orlando Reporter-Star.) The Reporter-Star is for John Stockton for governor because he represents the people only. Gilchrist was our favorite and the favorite of two-thirds of the people of Orange county when he took the field absolutely unfettered by any alliances. It matters little whether he is aware of the fact that boodle and corruption is backing him. If Gilchrist is elected by this element he will be in their debt and whether he pays off his obligation or not, it will be to the everlasting shame of the state that politics can be controlled by the breweries and corporations. Let the Times-Union and Tampa Tribune support Gilchrist. We have no objection to it although thousands of voters in the state do seriously object to voting for any candidate having the support of the Times-Union and Tampa Tribune.

WEATHER FORECAST Washington, June 4.—Fair tonight; showers Friday. YOU SHOULD KNOW THIS Foley's Kidney Remedy will cure any case of kidney or bladder trouble that is not beyond the reach of medicine. No medicine can do more. Sold by all druggists. The Seaboard will run an excursion June 8th to Tampa from all over its line. The round trip rate from Ocala is \$2. Tickets are good for four days.

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ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE

The regular monthly meeting of the Marion County Anti-Saloon League will be held in Yonge's Hall tonight, June 4th, at 8 o'clock. Important business will come before the meeting. All who are interested and in sympathy with the movement are urged to be present.

THE GRINDING OF LENSES FOR SPECTACLES

Is a delicate operation. It requires skilled workmen at high salaries to grind lenses by prescription. The smallest deviation from the proper curvature makes a big difference in the lens. The measurements are made with very sensitive instruments and my lenses are ground for me by workmen of the highest skill and scientific training. DR. D. M. BONEY, Eyesight Specialist, Ocala, Florida.

Office Hours: 8 to 12 a. m. and 1:30 to 4:30 p. m. Optical Office and Laboratory, Rooms 2 and 4, Gary Block.

Frank Turner, who several years ago purchased the old Waldo place southwest of town, is getting a very respectable stock farm started and has named the place the "Magnolia Stock Farm." He has been very successful raising cattle and has an excellent herd of cattle with a fine bull at its head recently purchased from the Palmetto Park Stock Farm and this week purchased a flock of sheep from the Palmetto people. Frank is doing something in this line and his efforts to improve his own conditions and those of the county deserve commendation.

Mrs. S. Joyce, Claremont, N. H. writes: "About a year ago I bought two bottles of Foley's Kidney Remedy. It cured me of a severe case of kidney trouble of several years standing. It certainly is a grand, good medicine, and I heartily recommend it." Sold by all druggists.

The Star had a pleasant call Tuesday from Mrs. S. F. Brown, of Berlin.



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Never too late to mend. If your bicycle needs mending, no matter what is the nature of the trouble, call to see us. Bicycles for sale or rent. Apply to Jno. S. Pedrick & Son, Next Door South of Ocala Fire Station.

CITY FINANCES

Report of the Electric Light and Water Committee, May, 1908

To the Honorable Members of the City Council of Ocala:

Gentlemen—Your electric light and water committee begs to report that during the month of May the total amount of expense in operating the plant was \$978.29. The amount received by the plant from lighting was \$1629.79, and for installation \$39.92. The plant shows a balance of \$659.55 in its favor for the month.

All of which is respectfully submitted. L. W. Duval, Chairman.

Report of Finance Committee for the Month of May, 1908

To the Honorable Members of the City Council of Ocala:

Gentlemen—Your finance committee begs to report as follows: Balance in bank May 1 \$993.66 Tax redemptions 188.89 Street fines 8.70 Ad valorem taxes (city attorney) 250.00 Ad valorem taxes for 1907 (marshal) 30.60 Police court fines and pound fees 275.45 Electric light collections 1336.15 Market rents 45.80 Licenses 7.70 Ad valorem tax 1907 42.50

Total \$12119.45 Scrip paid during the month (general fund) \$1285.52 Electric light fund 905.61 Fire and water fund 1318.72 Bond interest fund 210.55 Sinking fund 2000.00

Total \$5720.40 Balance in bank June 1 \$6399.05 On June 1st, 1908, there was outstanding scrip to the extent of \$1,419.19. We have examined the reports of the officers of the city and find same correct, and attach them hereto as a part of this report.

During the month, acting under resolution of the council, the finance committee in concert with the bond trustees have retired two bonds, paying therefor \$108.50 instead of \$109, as authorized by the resolution of the council.

Reduction in the amount for which the bonds were secured is due to the efforts of the chairman of the board of bond trustees, Mr. Weathers, who negotiated the purchase of the bonds at less than price authorized by the council.

All of which is respectfully submitted. L. W. Duval, Chairman.

W. R. Ward, of Dyersburg, Tenn. writes: "This is to certify that I have used Foley's Orino Laxative for chronic constipation, and it has proven without a doubt to be a thorough practical remedy for this trouble, and it is with pleasure I offer my conscientious reference." Sold by all druggists.

Just received a big shipment of trunks, dress suit cases and club bags for men and ladies' use. Come and touch the goods and get prices. At the Ocala Bazaar, Gadson.