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Make a Place for This Old Public Servant.

The recent primary brought into prominence again, though only for a few days, the name of a man—on old man now—who spent the best years of his life in the service of the city. A large part of that time he served without pay, during the balance of the time the salary was never large. He gave the people good service while on duty, and when age and other infirmities incapacitated him for further service, he went into private life unfitted to a large extent for making a livelihood in any of the various avenues which other and younger men were crowding to their capacity.

We refer to former Fire Chief John Baker than whom the city never had a more faithful public servant and in whom it now has a citizen who gave the very best years of his life to the public service.

The board of public safety can make a place for "Chief" Baker. There are various kinds of work in the fire department which he can do and which he would no doubt gladly accept even though the pay were small. The public, to a man, we believe, would approve of such action and we have no doubt that the man whose long years of service was in the fire department itself will still be of use and value to the city in whatever position the board may find it advisable to assign him now.

The "old man" won't be here many years at the most, and it is as little as the city can do to see that he has employment during that time.

Chicago's Victory for Municipal Ownership.

Regardless of the defeat of its mayoralty champion, municipal ownership won a magnificent victory in Chocago last Tuesday when by a referendum vote, the people approved the ordinance recently passed by a democratic city council providing for 20-year street railway franchises but reserving the city's privilege to buy the street car system, on six month's notice, any time before the franchise expires.

Thus, if the people desire to do so, they can give notice next week and in six months they can purchase outright the Chicago street railway system.

A general misunderstanding seems to exist regarding the effect of Mayor Dunne's defeat on the municipal ownership question. Mayor Dunne stood for immediate public ownership and he made his campaign on that issue. Busse, his successful republican opponent, favored the ratification of the ordinance referred to above. The street railway interests favored Busse, but were opposed to the ratification of the ordinance. The people elected Busse and approved the ordinance, thus giving the street railway interests their candidate, but adopting the measure which those interests tried to defeat.

This ordinance provides for a 20-year revocable franchise, with the requirements that the street railways operating under it shall pave, clean, repair and sprinkle the streets they use; give universal transfers; spend from $40,000,000 to $50,000,000 in improvements, extensions and subways; pay 55 per cent of their net profits to the city, or, if the people prefer, reduce fares to the same extent. In addition to this the city reserves the right at any time to buy out the business for not more than $50,000,000 plus what the company shall have expended in improvements, ordered or approved by the city's experts.

If any more notable victory has ever been won for any cause, we have failed to note it, and we have no doubt that the city of Chicago will profit in every way by the hold which it now possesses on the great public service corporations which have so long used and abused the special privileges under which they operated.

Under the result of Tuesday's election, if the street railway interests give the people the service that should be given, well and good; if they fail to do so, then the people will take over the street railways and operate them in their own right and interest.

Republican Party's Available Candidates.

The New York Press presents a list of what it considers available republican possibilities for president as follows:

Theodore Roosevelt, of New York.
Charles E. Hughes of New York.
Elihu Root of New York.
George B. Cortelyou of New York.
William H. Taft of Ohio.
Joseph M. Foraker of Ohio.
Lesne M. Shaw of Iowa.
Joseph G. Cannon of Illinois.
Charles W. Fairbanks, of Indiana.
Albert B. Cummins of Iowa.
Robert M. La Follette of Wisconsin.
W. M. Crane of Massachusetts.
Philander C. Knox of Pennsylvania.

Eliminating Theodore Roosevelt who, by his own declaration, will not be a candidate for re-election, there are but four names in the above list that will appeal in any way to the rank and file of the republican party. Those are: Chas. E. Hughes, Wm. H. Taft, A. B. Cummings, and Robert M. La Follette.

Hughes would be a strong candidate if he proves during his administration as governor of New York that the corporations which elected him do not control him. Taft would be strong only as he represents Roosevelt, and cabinet "representatives" have seldom been known to carry much weight on their own account.

Cummings and La Follette are undoubtedly the two strongest men in the whole list and either would come closer to polling the Roosevelt adherents' vote than any man whom the republicans could nominate.

We have a particular liking for the Key West Citizen, but we should prefer to have one copy of each issue rather than two copies of every other day's issue. How about it, Miss Citizen?

The Brooklyn Eagle uses a full column of editorial space in a discussion of the question of how much a man sould tell his wife. That all depends on two things—what he has to tell, and what kind of a woman his wife is.

W. D. Williams, who for years made the Westville Advertiser one of the best known and most influential weeklies of the state, will soon start a paper at Bonifay. "Old W. D.," as he is familiarly known among his friends, is one of Florida's most entertaining editorial writers and the state press will be glad to welcome him back to the harness again.

An Atlanta preacher kissed his Sunday School superintendent's wife, the latter got repentent and told her husband, and the husband carried his troubled heart to the congregation and got the church to fire the preacher. A man so considerate ought simply to have suggested that the preacher apologize. He is evidently in his proper element as a Sunday School superintendent.

The Index has labored under difficulties the past week. H. S. Seabrook—head of the shop, was laid up nursing a swollen throat and neck, the old man was attending to something else, one of the office force took another job, another got his hand banged up in a ball game, so very near the whole work was thrown upon the shoulders of one. That one, however, pulled through as our patrons will see, much to the credit of herself and to the paper.—Milton Index.

We were just getting ready to write a notice of the unusual good edition that The Index got out last week when we noted the above, and, with no intention of reflecting on anyone, we would now suggest that the "old man" and the rest of last week's unfortunates just stay in the hospital for awhile and let the un-named lady who got out the paper, continue the good work. She's all right, she is.

The Pensacola Journal and the Tampa Tribune are again picking at each other on the harbor question. We propose to wait until the surveyors now at work get through and will then silence all who have dared to question the superiority of our harbor.—Key West Citizen.

Now this is what we call taking an unfair advantage. Key West has those government surveyors down there all to herself where she will wine and dine and entertain them, tender them receptions, stuff them with fish dinners, and otherwise impress herself on the minds and hearts of the poor fellows until they won't be able to heave a sounding line or determine a measurement. And no telling what the surveyors' report will show. It's unfair and we protest.

HOW TO RUN A NEWSPAPER

When a man goes astray.
Keep it out.
When the critics roasts a play
Keep it out.
When two men in anger clash;
When a merchant goes to smash;
When the cashier steals the cash—
Keep it out.

When they quarrel in the church
Keep it out.
When a teacher wields the birch
Keep it out.
When nine women fair to see
Whisper something over tea—
Print it? Goodness gracious me!
Keep it out.

When two statesmen make a deal
Keep it out.
When another tries to steal
Keep it out.
Stories thin and stories tall;
Good and bad and big and small—
Anything that's news at all—
Hear 'em shout:
"Keep it out."
——Peoria Herald-Transcript.

THE GOVERNOR'S SUIT AGAINST TIMES-UNION.

Jacksonville Times-Union.

We are sorry that Gov. Broward takes himself so seriously. He interprets criticism of the official to mean an attack upon the ever-present ego in the individual—ego the entire powers for the official.

The arrogance involved in the conceit of powers—the thought of self in the thrist for power, causes men suddenly elevated to high places to do some very small things. N. B. Broward, as governor of the great state of Florida, seeks to satisfy his supersensitive nature, by bringing a suit against the Times-Union for libel. "O, ye gods and little fishes," what a sad spectacle for the people to gaze upon a governor bringing a suit against a newspaper in order to punish it for its right of criticism of the official life and conduct of a servant of the people.

Capt. Broward, the citizen, was suddenly lifted to high place. This is all well and good, but the rapid flight bewildered him and turned common sense into self-plaudits. Even now, with some experience, he is startled by the thought of how it happened. The people of Florida know how it happened and the accident that produced the result, so all the stilted talk about the voice of the people as being the cloak covering Capt. Broward in his official elevation, cannot change the figures of 714, which was Broward's small majority, but this is not the question. Capt Broward is governor, the Times-Union is still published at the corner of Bay and Hogan and will continue to be in business long after his administration has come and gone, yea, and consigned to about a quarter of a page in school history.

Now comes the governor of the state of Florida and claims that he has been damaged by the Times-Union, because this paper saw fit to oppose, his pet political schemes, exercising its right to comment upon the acts of a public officer and place its own construction upon such public acts and print conclusions for the people of Florida, so if the counsellors and advisers of the governor, think for a moment that a course of bulldozing will cause the Times-Union to retreat or compel its silence, they will be disappointed. The Times-Union is printed for the people of Florida, regardless of what some peanut politicians may say to the contrary. The small politician dreads the light—the smaller his brain capacity, the larger becomes in his own mind every minor act.

We would like to ask, when Gov. Broward gets (?) his $50,000, what will he do with it? He cannot take any of it for his personal use, therefore it must go somewhere. Will it go into the state treasury or will it be stored into that mysterious hole in the wall—the internal improvement fund, for which another dredge can be purchased? It will be a pity for the governor not to have a slice of this for his personal use, for about the time it is paid (?) he will need it for his old age, but it is as an official he pretends to be wronged, so as the official has nothing to do with the individual, this great and unexpected revenue to the state must naturally become the bone of contention for future generations.

It is a happy thought, governor, that we shall at that time all be dead, is it not?

Eternity.

A Salvation Army preacher in one of his talks exclaimed to his hearers: "Eternity! Why, don't you know the meaning of that word? Nor I either, hardly. It is for ever and ever and five or six everlastings atop of that. You might place a row of figures from here to sunset and cipher them all up, and it wouldn't begin to tell how many ages long eternity is. Why, my friends, after millions and trillions of years had rolled away in eternity it would be a hundred thousand million of years to breakfast time."—London Express.

FLORIDA POLITICS AND POLITICIANS

Good Advice.

It looks like old times when men of fighting proclivities give their "name and address" but this is what Hon. Frank Clark end Editor L'Engle of the Tallahassee Sun, have done. Gentlemen, forbear, do not be rash! —Ocala Banner.

Bryan Will Be Nominated.

The Parker Democrats and Republican Democrats of the country criticise Bryan's every movement, and never an opportunity is let go by to grab at any and all straws that may point to some possible prospective candidate who might detract from the one purest of all pure and brainest of all brainey statesmen in this union of states whom the masses of the people long to see placed at the head of this nation. Nothing short of a miracle can prevent the nomination of W. J. Bryan at the next Democratic National convention, and that miracle would have to be the selection of Roosevelt instead.—St. Augustine Meteor.

Difference of Opinion.

The Key West Citizen says that it believes that "it is pretty good even money to bet that Jeff Browne will be Florida's next governor." Wait and see what the voters will say if Jeff should get foolish and run.—Fort Myers Breeze.

Kehoe and Lamar.

'Tis said that the coming campaign between Hon. J. Walter Kehoe and Hon. W. B. Lamar, in the second congressional district of Florida will be the most interesting waged in Florida politics for a long time. Surely Washington county will come in for its share of attention during the time the candidates are on the stump. This county stood third in the last general election in number of votes polled, being surpassed only by Escambia and Jackson counties. Both gentlemen have hosts of friends here and throughout the county. It is hard to predict just how the county will go on election day. The congressman has been on the ticket before and many will remember it when they see it again. Mr. Kehoe has been before the people constantly as state attorney in this circuit and has won the admiration and esteem of many by his earnest and close application of his attention to his duty as a public officer. He has made no enemies, even among those whom he prosecuted in discharging his duty.—Chipley Verdict.

"Politician" Corrected.

"Politician" says in the columns of the Pensacola Journal that for the first time in years Sumter has furnished the senator for this district, Marion having dominated the selections. This is a mistake. Sumter had Senator Borden for four years, Senator Baker for four years, and now the later for four years more. Sumter has been handsomely treated. —Ocala Star.

Blackmailers and Demagogues.

The Pensacola Journal reminds the legislature that bills designed merely to annoy the railroads are not particularly desired just now and will not add to any man's popularity. Let us amend by saying that the man who strives to be popular by doing what he knows is wrong stamps himself a demagogue, and deserves no followers, but those of his own kind. Bills designated merely to annoy business interests partake of the nature of blackmail, and those who knowingly make use of such weapons to such purpose dip their fingers in the pitch that defies all it touches.—Jacksonville Times-Union.

Willing to Spend $20,000.

In response to the announcement that he would run for governor of Florida in the next race, Gen. Albert W. Gilchrist has announced through his official organ at Punta Gorda that while he is wealthy, he does not purpose to purchase the office of governor; that he is willing to spend a matter of $20,000 to be elected, but he isn't in the business of buying public office.

These cogitations of the prospective candidate for the governor's chair are worthy of consideration. Numerous candidates are mentioned for governor, but of the many mentioned there can be few, not more than one or two, who can afford to make the race. The last race for the governship in Florida placed the office beyond the reach of a poor man. That is what some persons say, yet the present governor won the race, and he is a poor man. He went down to the verge of bankruptcy to do it, but he won, and this fact should offer encouragement to the aspirants who are not loaded down to earth with the goods thereof. Some time ago a newspaper correspondent passed through Tallahassee, spent a day and sent his paper a letter, purporting to deal with the men and conditions in Florida. The writer said that all of Florida's statehouse officials were wealthy men. This was interesting news to the statehouse officials. The fact is there is not one, if indeed there be any of the present state house officials, who has any considerable accumulation of worldly goods. The most of them are in financial straits, and this speaks much for the honesty of them, for there are few who could not line their pockets if they would permit themselves to be corrupted. The opportunity for that modern untility of ready and unutilized coin known as graft is always on qui vive in Florida.—Miami News.

SAID OF PENSACOLA AND PENSACOLIANS

We Hope She Will Be.

The Florida Good Roads Convention will be held in Pensacola during the coming June. Franklin should be represented at the meeting.—Apalachicola Times.

The Journal a "Generator."

The Pensacola Journal had a 48-page edition Sunday, made possible by about 36 pages of advertising. Pensacola is a live wire, and The Journal is a generator of about four hundred thousand ampheres.—St. Petersburg Independent.

Pensacola's Primary.

The primary in Pensacola was an astonisher to the people down there. The most maligned man got the biggest vote for mayor, and the only two cripples in the bunch ran so far ahead of their opponents that the oppos would not know they were running if they didn't see it in the papers.—Milton Index.

The Journal's Position Endorsed.

Henry M. Flagler has for years been one of the most talked of men in Florida. He has received a great deal of abuse—not because, of the great enterprises he is undertaking but because of his attempts through his agents to control the politics and government of the state. The Pensacola Journal, which is about the best daily newspaper in the state and certainly the most reliable, treats of Mr. Flagler in an editorial in Sunday's issue which so nearly coincides with our views that we take great pleasure in publishing it below in full. While rather long, still it will prove of interest to every man who has the interest of Florida and her people at heart.—Wauchula Telegram.

Governor Saw Him First.

John Beard had his gun loaded for the Governor when the Senate convened, but the Governor saw him first. Broward's special message asked for the same sort of full investigation that the Beard resolution called for.—Monticello News.

Judge Wolfe at Milton.

Santa Rosa counts herself highly honored in having the first services of Hon. J. Emmett Wolfe, as circuit judge.

Every one who attended court the past two weeks are loud in their praise of the gentleman, and it is universally remarked that the term was the most satisfactory one held for years.

Judge Wolfe, by his urbanity and genial disposition endeared himself to all the officers and attendants on the court. The attorneys state that his rulings have been fair and to the point, and it is universally conceded that all who came before the court obtained full justice.

We gladly welcome Judge Wolfe to our community, and hope that he will long be with us.—Milton Index.

Jennings Will Make It Warm.

The Pensacola Journal has succeeded in getting Hon. T. A. Jennings to say that he will make the race for governor of Florida if he is assured he is the choice of the people. So far as the Herald is informed, Mr. Jennings has a large and influential following, and it is safe to say that he would make it warm for any man who might enter the race against him.—Milligan Herald.

Judge Beggs an Editor.

Judge E. D. Beggs of Pensacola was in the city the guest of his brother, Mr. T. J. Beggs, one or two days last week. Judge Beggs is better known to many of our readers as "Dixie" Beggs, and was at one time editor and proprietor of The "Recorder."—Madison Recorder.

Endorses Kehoe's Plan.

We call attention to the article on the first page, written by Mr. J. Walter Kehoe, for the Pensacola Journal. It shows a way which is calculated to purify elections. An itemized statement of expenses would show some things which would astonish the people. Such things as paying money for votes and other things of that kind would be impossible under this system, and men who get offices would get them on their merits, and not on the length of their purse strings.—Milton Index.

Judge Wolfe Making Good.

Judge Wolfe is making a deep impression on Milton. He is demonstrating the fact that he is an able jurist, a deliberate yet decisive, and withal an eminently fair, and impartial circuit judge.—Milton Index.

"Rumor" Has It.

Rumor has it that John Beard of Pensacola, present state senator from Escambia county will enter the race against United States Senator Mallory. —Madison Recorder.

Kehoe Does Things.

The state solicitor, Hon. J. Walter Kehoe, proved during the late term of our circuit court that he knew how to do things, and kept right on doing them.

He prosecuted vigorously, and the proceedings show that it was with effect. Evil doers will soon learn that they will get their just desserts when they come before the court, and this will do more to deter crime and suppress rowdyism than all the moral lectures and long winded sermons that can be poured out upon the community for years to come.

If Mr. Kehoe makes as good and faithful a congressman as he does a prosecuting attorney he will be the right man in the right place, and the people will be honored in giving him the position.—Milton Index.

Pensacola a Great Place.

Forty-eight pages of last Sunday's Pensacola Journal reached this office Monday. Hope none got lost in the mails, as those received were all good ones. Pensacola must be a great place to enable Brother Mayes to get out such a huge and excellent paper. But he is evidently the kind of a man who would put forth a splendid paper even if he were located at Baldwin.—Punta Gorda Herald.

Was a Hummer.

The Pensacola Journal of Sunday last was a hummer—48 pages—and its editorial and selected matter was in keeping with its standard reputation as an up-to-date, reliable, daily newspaper.—St. Augustine Meteor.

Open Air Concers.

Penscola has completed arrangements for the regular free concerts that are to be given in a park during the coming summer. These concerts will start in April. Andalusia ought to have some free concerts in the open air—but where is the park?—Andalusia News.

We'll Send you Another.

The Easter edition of The Pensacola Journal unfortunately did not reach the editor's desk, but if it was as good as the edition of last Sunday, as well as being double the size, it certainly deserved the best that could be said of it.—Jacksonville Times-Union.

NEWS AND VIEWS OF THE STATE PRESS

The Tobacco "Habit."

Evil habits are bad and the "tobacco habit" is held up by moralists and reformers as very bad indeed. But no reference is intended to the tobacco growing habit and it pleases us immensely to believe that a goodly number of our farmers and citizens are becoming considerably enthused on the subject, and togacco growing in Madison county promises to become a fixed habit with many which will insure to the benefit of all. Let the "habit" fasten itself upon us quickly. —Madison New Enterprise.

Municipal Ownership.

The recent widespread circulation of articles in newspapers and circulars relating that many cities in the country have made a failure of municipal ownership of water and lighting plants has caused such cities to exchange notes and information on the subject. Without exception they all declare municipal ownership to be a much better thing than even its friends assert. They did not really know how good it was until they were stirred by attacks to make a re-examination. The crusade has had the effect of a boomerang —and the leg of high finance has simply suffered another severe pull.—Tampa Times.

Slaughtered By Hogs.

The sheep men report the poorest lamb crop this year of any for the past ten. There were a large number of lambs dropped, but the hogs driven by hunger have literally slaughtered them.—DeFuniak Breeze.

Catching Mullet With a Hook.

The True Democrat of Tallahassee announces a story of H. Clay Crawford and B. E. McLin catching mullet with a hook and line as something out of the ordinary. They have been caught that way to our editor's knowledge for forty years and the process can be witnessed at every flood tide, at the bridge at the foot of Ave. D. in Miami. —Jasper News.

Would Welcome Flagler.

In response to the Times-Union's suggestion that the Florida newspapers do justice to Mr. Henry M. Flagler by expressing an honest opinion of him and his work, The Herald begs to remark that it has never said anything about Mr. Flagler, simply because there were plenty of other newspapers, abler and more influential, talking about him, while this one's attention was absorbed by local interests. If, however, The Herald's opinion is desired, here it is: We need him; we have plenty for him to do; and if he will but come over and go to work, he will receive the most enthusiastic welcome.—Punta Gorda Herald.

A Disgusted Traveler.

Judging from his well-wirtten but rather pessimistic description of his recent journey to Key West, travel must not agree with Editor Powell, of the St. Petersburg Independent.

According to his story, he was imposed upon by the Pullman employees, ridiculed by a Jacksonville policeman, bulldozed by the hotel waiters, overcharged by the hotel clerks, held up and robbed by the steamboat men, starved, "stuck" and outraged generally.

Shame on the transportation and hotel people of Florida that they should thus maltreat a modest journalist?

The News would respectfully suggest that the next time Editor Powell ventures forth on the crowded highways of travel, he wear a conspicuous placard, reading: "Newspaper Man. Handle With Care."—Tampa News.

VOX POPULI.

Our Humane Laws.

Editor Pensacola Journal:

As it seems to be in order to make suggestions to the citizens of Florida who have the authority to dictate to to the masses as to what they shall and shall not do, I will presume on their countesy and gentle feeling by making a plea in behalf of dumb animals and helpless children that to-day are benefitted very little by the present humane law.

When this law was enacted a very important feature for such a law was omitted rendering it inoperative, where most needed.

Ample provision was made for the arrest and punishment by fines of violators, but no provision made for sustaining, financially, an organization to reinforce the law by appointing and sustaining special officers to secure the arrest and punishment of violators.

The existing humane law seems to lack but one provision, namely, that of not allowing the use of fines imposed on violators towards keeping up a society for the prevention of cruelty to animals and children.

The last organization of this character passed out of existence from this cause alone, as it was unable to pay an active inspector even a small salary.

Will some legislator make a personal additional clause to this good law that it will be possible to organize and sustain a humane society in every town and city in the state and forever eliminate the reproach that hangs over every community because of cruelty towards uncomplainng and unoffending quadrupeds.

It is next to committing an act of cruelty to claim that necessity does not exist for the formation of these safeguards against the violation of this law as a day rarely passes but one witnesses the most wanton cruelty practiced by irresponsible handlers of stock. No longer than last week the writer saw a small calf tied by the leg lying in the bottom of a delivery wagon, with boxes piled on top of it.

S. D. INGHAM.

Too Deep.

The story is told of a lank, disconsolate looking farmer who one day during the progress of a political meeting in Cooper institute stood on the steps with the air of one who has been surfeited with a feast of some sort.

"Do you know who's talking in there now?" demanded a stranger briskly, pausing for a moment beside the disconsolate farmer, "or are you just going in?"

"No, sir. I've just come out," said the farmer decidedly. "Mr. Evarts is talking in there."

"What about?" asked the stranger.

"Well, he didn't say," the farmer answered, passing a knotted hand across his forehead.

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