THE TRUE DEMOCRAT.

MILTON A. SMITH, Publisher.

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NEWSPAPER COMMENTS.

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WAS A LEADER.

John G. Collins has relinquished editorial management of the Tallahassee True Democrat because of broken health and will go into retirement for a time in the hope of getting well. His successor is Mr. Milton A. Smith. The editors of Florida are going to miss Mr. Collins more than they will be able to say. He was a leader in the conservative wing of democracy in this State. May he soon recover his health.—Palatka News.

WISHES FOR FRUITFUL ENERGIES.

It is with deep regret we note that John G. Collins has sold out his printing plant, the Tallahassee True Democrat at Tallahassee. For years he has been in harness, but ill health has caused him to give up. We shall miss him. In many ways we differed in opinion, but respected him for his convictions. Milton A. Smith has become owner of the plant, and we wish him success and trust his career may be as successful and his energies as fruitful as those of John G. Collins.—Ft. Myers Press.

WILL KEEP UP STANDARD.

One of the best newspapers in the State, the Tallahassee True Democrat, changed hands last week, when John G. Collins sold the entire plant to Milton A. Smith. Editor Collins has made many friends all over the State, who regret that failing health compelled him to give up newspaper work, but hope some day to hear he is back in harness. We welcome Brother Smith into the ranks of Florida editors and hope he will keep his paper up to the standard set by his predecessor, and judging from his first issue, he will.—Ft. Pierce News.

FISHING IS GOOD.

John Collins retires from the editorship of The True Democrat, turning this excellently equipped and useful sheet over to Milton A. Smith. Brother Collins will seek to recoup his health, and the News wishes him complete success. The streams and bayous of Leon and Wakulla are near at hand, and fish bite the year round in Florida—and we hope John will feel better every time his cork bobbles from the bream's bite, or his line twitches from the sheepshead's nervous nibble. Here's health and prosperity to a good fellow with whom the News has sometimes clashed, but always without disturbing cordial relations.—News, Monticello.

STANDS FOR PURITY.

John G. Collins, who has for several years owned and edited the Tallahassee True Democrat, has succumbed to the attacks of LaGrippe to which he has been subject, and has retired from his work on the paper. Milton A. Smith will assume charge. John Collins has made of the T. D. a great weekly, one which stands for purity and high ideals, and a distinct loss will be felt in the profession at his dropping his pen. We wish for him a speedy return to health, and to the editorial chair.—Bainbridge, Ga., Searchlight.

ONE OF BEST IN STATE.

Bro. John G. Collins has sold his Tallahassee True Democrat, one of the best weekly papers in the State, to Mr. Milton A. Smith, of Alabama. We all regret exceedingly to lose Mr. Collins from the journalistic ranks and trust that his health may improve sufficiently for him to again take up his faithful faber real soon. — Mariana Times-Courier.

BELONGS TO THE FAMILY.

The retirement of John G. Collins from active newspaper work is generally regretted by Florida editors, all of whom sincerely hope that he will fully recover his health and resume work in his chosen vocation. The after effects of an attack of la grippe and close application to work so impaired the physical condition of Mr. Collins as to necessitate a disposal of the Tallahassee True Democrat, a paper which he has placed upon a high plane of excellence, but in the hands of his successor, Mr. Milton A. Smith, the paper will no doubt continue upon such a plane. The name of Milton A. Smith is a famous one in Georgia and Alabama, but whether the new editor of the Democrat belongs to the same family or not, we are unable to say. Mr. Smith, at any rate, is welcomed to the ranks of Florida journalism and the Herald joins with others in wishing him abundant success.—Punta Gorda Herald.

MILTON A. SMITH.

Milton A. Smith, who was for many years editor and proprietor of the Anniston Hot Blast, has bought the Weekly True Democrat, of Tallahassee, Fla., and has taken charge of that paper. The True Democrat has a prosperous appearance, and Mr. Smith's long experience with newspapers is an augury of his success with this venture. Mr. Smith is well known in Alabama and has a personal acquaintance with most of the State's newspaper men who will wish him good luck in Florida.—Birmingham, Ala., Age-Herald.

EXCHANGE OF GOOD EDITORS.

The Times-Union learns with deep regrett that John G. Collins has disposed of the Tallahassee True Democrat and turned the editorship of that erstwhile strong weekly over to another. The incisive style of Editor Collins used to be a delight in the days before his health failed him. We believe health will return to him some day, and we prophesy that he will again be displaying that vigorous contempt he holds for hypocracy and double-dealing in some Florida newspapers. We are gratified to learn that in his successor, Milton A. Smith, he finds such qualities that he can praise Mr. Smith in the way he does in his valedictory, and we cordially welcome Editor Smith to the ranks of Florida newspaper men. The latter has had twenty-five years of experience in conducting a daily newspaper in Alabama and we judge from the clarity of style and fluency of diction evidenced in the salutatory of that gentleman that Tallahassee has been fortunate in that there has merely been an exchange of one good editor for another.—Jacksonville Times-Union.

HOPES TO DO IT.

Milton A. Smith, for more than twenty-five years editor of the Anniston Hot Blast, has purchased the Tallahassee, Fla., Weekly True Democrat. Mr. Smith is a good newspaper man and if he does as much for Tallahassee as he did for Anniston, that city will be fortunate indeed.—Talladega, Ala., Mountain Home.

HOPEFUL OF SUCCESS.

Milton A. Smith, for many years the proprietor of the Hot Blast of this city, who removed to Florida last year, has become the proprietor of The True Democrat, a weekly newspaper published in Tallahassee, the capital of Florida. Mr. Smith's Alabama friends trust he will be successful in the Land of Flowers.—Anniston, Ala., Evening News.

ACCORDS HEARTY RECEPTION.

The Tallahassee True Democrat changed hands, and John Collins, the veteran newspaper man of the Capital City, steps down and out.

John Collins has been in the newspaper business for a great many years, learning his "cases" under the late Chas. E. Dyke, of the old Floridian. Later he was associated with Don McLoed, of the Tallahasseean, and finally became the sole owner, editor and manager of this paper. For years the Tallahasseean was one of the brightest and best of the weekly exchanges. On account of failing health the Tallahasseean was sold by Mr. Collins some eight or ten years ago, and he retired from the profession. While he was out of harness the Tallahasseean went the way of many other good papers—it died a natural death. This was too much for Collins, and in a few years he was welcomed back into the profession as the owner and manager of the Tallahassee True Democrat, a paper which he established in 1904.

The retirement of Mr. Collins is again forced by ill health, and he makes his valedictory in the issue of The True Democrat of last week. The profession generally regret to lose him from the ranks, and will wish for him, in whatever line of work he may engage in the future, an abundance of success.

Mr. Collins is succeeded as owner and manager of the True Democrat by Milton A. Smith, formerly of the Anniston, Ala., Hot Blast, who will be accorded a hearty reception by the press boys of Florida. Mr. Smith has had many years experience as a newspaper man, and will give to the people of Tallahassee a live, up-todate newspaper.

Mr. Smith is the father of Mrs. William Clyde Roberts, of Pensacola, and has many friends in the Deep Water City who will be glad to learn that he is to become a citizen of Florida, and a booster of the advantages and opportunities of this old commonwealth.—Pensacola News.

WARM FRATERNAL WELCOME.

It is interesting news in newspaper circles in Florida that John Collins has retired from journalism and has sold The True Democrat at Tallahassee to Milton A. Smith, who will hereafter be its editor and proprietor. Mr. Smith is a Georgian by birth, we believe, and he is well known in the journalism of the Gulf States, as the man who for twenty-five years made the Daily Hot Blast at Anniston, Alabama, a prominent and successful paper in that State. He knows the business in every department and in addition to his exceptional equipment as a newspaper man, he is a gentleman of character and moral worth who stands for everything good in citizenship and Tallahassee is to be congratulated upon adding him to her list of substantial and enterprising citizens. Mr. Smith feels a special interest in Pensacola, by reason of the fact that he is the father of Mrs. William Clyde Roberts, of this city. The Journal gives him fraternal welcome to the brotherhood of the Fourth Estate in Florida and hopes and predicts that he will keep The True Democrat up to the standard reached by his predecessor as a first-class weekly paper.—Pensacola Journal.

WONDERFUL SUCCESS.

J. G. Collins has sold the Tallahassee True Democrat to Milton A. Smith. Mr. Collins has made a wonderful success of his paper, and he has left it in good hands.—St. Petersburg Independent.

REGRETS AND WELCOME.

John G. Collins, so long publisher of the Tallahassee True Democrat, announces his retirement from journalism on account of bad health. He has sold his printing plant to Milton A. Smith, who will continue the publication of the paper. It is with much regret that we part with friend Collins as a co-worker in the journalistic field. He acquired his knowledge of the profession from the greatest journalist Florida possessed for many years, Chas. E. Dyke, deceased. We believe Mr. Collins is the last one of the old Tallahassee guard to retire, except C. A. Choate. Mr. Collins has the best wishes of the Metropolis for success in whatever he may in the future undertake.—Jacksonville Metropolis.

ONE OF MOST READABLE.

The Tallahassee True Democrat came to us last week bearing the valedictory of John G. Collins, former editor and proprietor, who has sold the plant together with the good will to Milton A. Smith who has assumed the editorial management of the paper, and will conduct its affairs in the future. The retirement of Mr. Collins was necessitated by impaired health resulting from a severe attack of la grippe a year ago. John Collins made The True Democrat one of the most readable of Florida's many excellent weekly papers, and built up a business which is a most profitable one. We honestly regret his enforced retirement from the profession in which he has attained marked success, and sincerely hope that his health will be speedily restored. We are not acquainted with his successor, but we take occasion to remind him that he has a job ahead of him to keep The True Democrat fully up to the high standard established for it by his predecessor. That he will do it, however, we have no doubt, for he belongs to the great family of Smith, and we are sure he has it in him to "make good" in every particular. Success to you, brother.—Enterprise-Recorder, Madison.

WILL BE INTERESTED.

Many here will be interested to know that Mr. Milton A. Smith, for years editor and postmaster at Anniston, Ala., once a newspaper man of this city, and a brother-in-law of Mr. Dave Whelchel, has purchased The True Democrat, a splendid weekly paper at Tallahassee, Fla., and has assumed control of the tripod there.—Gainesville, Ga., Herald.

SPEAKS HIS MIND.

It seems that the Alabama editor who recently took charge of the Tallahassee True Democrat has a way of speaking his mind, even if he is in new territory.—Starke Telegraph.

IS MAKING GOOD.

Milton A. Smith, the new editor of the Tallahassee True Democrat, is fast making good, and as a consequence The True Democrat is holding her own as one of the brightest journals in Florida.—Ft. Myers Press.

HAS A DIFFICULT TASK.

Mr. Milton A. Smith, who succeeds John G. Collins as editor of the Tallahassee True Democrat, gives promise that he will perform the rather difficult task that always confronts a new editor when the man he follows has displayed unusual ability—that of maintaining the paper's high standard, and perhaps raising it.

NEVER WAVERED IN THE RIGHT.

One of the best men Florida ever had in the editorial chair announces that he must retire on account of ill health. Mr. John G. Collins, editor of the Tallahassee True Democrat, is the gentlemen. We have known him for a quarter of a century or more, and we know him to be one of nature's truest noblemen. He has been a brilliant and scrupulously conscientious editor, an honorable man in all his dealings, both public and private. His retirment is a great loss to the profession he so highly honored. He is a man who has never wavered in his friendship or his duty. Wherever he goes he has the best wishes of the editor of the Southern Argus. Mr. Milton A. Smith has taken his place on The True Democrat. We wish the new editor a pleasant and successful career.—Brooksville Argus.

THANKS TO BROTHER HETHERINGTON.

One of the nicest and most commendatory notices of the old and succeeding editors was from the pen of Brother Hetherington of the Lakeland News, which was mislaid. But it was greatly appreciated.

ALSO OTHERS.

Thanks are also due to many other brethern for kind notices which we have not space to reproduce.

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