

THE CHAMPION

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DeLand held a municipal election last week and voted to bond for \$15,000 for a sewer system and \$3,000 to meet outstanding warrants.

The Democratic Central Committee met in Arcadia Saturday and canvassed the Primary Election returns. They did not vary much from what we gave last week, but the official returns will be found on our first page.

The State Board of Educational Control has let the contracts for the following additional buildings, aggregating \$18,000; one machine hall and foundry, two dwellings, one wagon barn, one fertilizer barn, one barn with outbuildings, two stables and one silo. Work on the dormitories is progressing rapidly and the contractors assure the board that they will be ready before September 1st of the present year.—St. Augustine Record.

It looks like our Division friends were not the statesmen they pretend, or they would have figured it out long ago that the reason why Manatee county "in ye olden time," had such a low tax rate. It is as plain as the nose on your face. It was because it was a big county. When it was divided into two counties, DeSoto and Manatee, both the smaller counties greatly increased their burdens and their taxation. It invariably works so.

The Fort Lauderdale correspondent of the Miami Metropolis has the following in Saturday's issue of that paper concerning the movement of the vegetables from that place: "The vegetable season now draws to a close has been one of the most successful in the history of the New River section. Over one hundred thousand crates of tomatoes and other truck have been shipped and the total output will exceed that of last season by several thousand crates. "Colohachee," or Middle River, has shipped nearly one hundred thousand crates of produce, and as the returns come in all the growers are wearing broad smiles and carrying large rolls of the 'long green.'"

They may write and talk all they want, but Governor Broward is sincere in the belief that he is right in the Everglade drainage plan, and if the chief executive is correct in his quotations, he has the law on his side. This being true, the opposition to the reclamation of this land by the State should condemn the law, and not the Governor, who, upon taking office, obligated himself to its support and execution. A man should not be blamed, condemned and persecuted for doing that which is his duty and in which he is right. The question seems one that the courts and not the public and press should decide.—Miami Metropolis.

A Good Price.

Thos. Gaskins, jr., on Saturday received a telegram from the New York house to which he made a shipment of watermelons, saying that they had sold at \$1.25 each.

Division Did It.

The following from the State Census Report shows what division will do for a county:

"Brevard county was divided in 1905 to create St. Lucie county; had it remained intact there would have been an increase of 1,498 over what now constitutes the population of both counties.

St. Lucie county was formed from Brevard county in 1905."

A. P. Jordan Thanks the People.

A remarkable feature of the late primary campaign in this county is the fact that not one unkind word has been spoken or printed about the division candidate for the legislature. On the contrary, he has been treated with the greatest kindness and respect everywhere in the county and his two opponents in particular have shown him the most pleasing courtesy. He represented an issue that stirred the people as never before and brought out the biggest vote ever polled in the county.

During the campaign, he made twelve speeches in ten different places, some of which were almost solidly against him, and in every instance he was given the most respectful attention and treated by every one as a friend and a gentleman.

Is it any wonder, then, that he thinks the people of DeSoto county are the best in the world and that he is proud of the fact that he lives amongst them?

This is written to extend to them his heartfelt gratitude for their consideration and great kindness. Words are inadequate to give fitting expression to his deep feeling of thankfulness. He can only say with all the fervor of his heart, God bless the people of DeSoto county!

THE DIVISION CANDIDATE.

Hangs June 26th.

Albert Simmons, the negro who murdered his aunt and two cousins is sentenced to be hanged in Arcadia on Tuesday, June 26th.

Executive Committee.

The Democratic Executive Committee of DeSoto County met in the Court House on Saturday, May 19th, 1906, pursuant to law, to canvass the returns of the inspectors of the democratic primary election, held on the 15th day of May, 1906.

A quorum being present the chairman announced the meeting open for business.

On motion of Henry W. Smith, A. G. Smith was elected secretary of the meeting.

The committee then proceeded to canvass the returns and the following was declared to be the result thereof:

On motion duly seconded it was resolved that the following candidates have received a majority of the votes cast at the primary held on the 15th day of May, 1906, they are hereby declared to be the nominees of the democratic party in the county of DeSoto, and the executive officers of this committee are hereby directed to make proper certificates accordingly. That is to say:

For County Judge, R. E. Brown.

For Sheriff, A. C. Freeman.

For Assessor of Taxes, F. M. Cooper.

For Tax Collector, W. C. Langford.

For Treasurer, J. A. Hendry.

For Supervisor of Registration, H. A. Ellis.

For County Commissioner, District No. 1, D. J. Farabee.

For County Commissioner, District No. 2, C. L. Keene.

For County Commissioner, District No. 3, J. H. Concannon.

CLOTHES

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He will lose who fails to wear Royal Raiment
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Perry C. Brown.
Arcadia, Florida.

For County Commissioner, District No. 3, R. L. Holzendorf.

For Member of School Board, District No. 1, T. R. Starke.

For Member of School Board, District No. 2, F. B. McClellan.

For Member of School Board, District No. 3, J. R. Sandlin.

Resolved Further, that no one of the candidates for Representative, and County Commissioner for District Number 4, received a majority of the votes cast, and that no nominations having been made for the two offices named, the candidates receiving the highest and next highest number of votes for said offices, are as follows:

For Representative, A. P. Jordan and W. H. Hooker.

For County Commissioner, District Number 4, J. L. Livingston and D. S. Williams.

And that a second primary, to be held on June 12th next, is necessary to determine the contest for the nomination in each of these offices. Be it

Resolved Further, that the call for the primary election on June 12th, 1906, be in all respects complied with in accordance with the law and the foregoing resolutions:

Resolved Further, that Henry W. Smith is hereby appointed a member of the Campaign Committee to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of W. S. Worley as a member of said committee, and that said campaign committee be and they are hereby continued in power with all of the rights, duties and privileges heretofore conferred upon them by this committee. Be it

Resolved Further, that the pay of the clerks and inspectors for the ensuing primary election be the same as that allowed in the primary election held on May 15th, 1906.

Resolved Further, that this committee adjourn to meet in the Court House at Arcadia, at noon on the 16th day of June, A. D. 1906.

T. B. KING, Chairman.

A. G. SMITH, Secretary.

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A Pair of Coddlers.

A man with a curious fondness for skullcaps was the Abbe de St. Martin, who, in the seventeenth century, made himself ridiculous by his vagaries. He always wore nine of these articles to keep off the cold and, furthermore, nine pairs of stockings. His mode of passing the night was more remarkable still. He caused to be constructed for himself a bed of ricks, beneath which was a furnace, so arranged that he could regulate it to the degree of warmth he might require, and his bed was fitted with only a very small opening, through which the abbe used to creep when he retired to rest at night.

Even more ludicrous was the contrivance which the great French mathematician, Fourier, designed and used for the protection of his health. He incased himself in a species of box, the interior of which, by some mechanical means, was kept at the only temperature at which he felt he could live without inconvenience. While enveloped in this clumsy affair he was necessarily confined to one spot, but he provided means for the freedom of his head and hands. Even the ills of asthma and rheumatism, one would have thought, were preferable to existence under such circumstances as this, but the French mathematician, we must believe, was of a different opinion.—London Standard.

The Father of Science.

Hippocrates is looked upon by anatomists as the father of the science. He died in 377 B. C. The modern science began in Italy in the thirteenth century. The first anatomical plates, designed to show the size and relative position of the bodily organs, were prepared and colored by Titian. All the great painters and sculptors have been careful students of anatomy. Michael Angelo, Raphael and Leonardo da Vinci were noted for their anatomical researches.

The language denotes the man. A coarse or refined character finds its expression naturally in a coarse or refined phraseology.—Bovee.

Political Announcements

Those Who are Running for Office And the Office They are Asking for

For Representative.

Having been nominated by my fellow citizens of Wauchula and Punta Gorda as a candidate in the Primaries for Representative in the Legislature on a platform declaring for a fair and just division of DeSoto county, this card is to announce that fact and to solicit votes on that platform, and to pledge myself, if nominated and elected, to use my best efforts to secure a division that will prove satisfactory and beneficial as far as possible to all the people of the proposed counties. A. P. JORDAN.

At the request of my many friends, I have consented to enter the race for representative in DeSoto county in the next Florida Legislature and take this opportunity of soliciting the votes of the citizens of the county in the approaching Democratic primary election.

As I will not have the opportunity of meeting and talking with each individual personally, I deem it proper that I should define my position on some of the more important issues of the campaign.

I am opposed to a division of DeSoto county for the reason that I am opposed to a high taxation. I consider it more economical to maintain the present county government than to establish and maintain two additional ones also with the same source of revenue.

I shall favor the repeal of the Drainage Law passed by the Legislature of 1905 as an arbitrary and unfair and unjust measure which will become a burden of taxation upon the people of the state.

I am in favor of the Educational Law known as the "Buckman Bill" and will oppose any effort to interfere with the location of the University at Gainesville.

Having been born and reared within the boundaries of DeSoto county, all my interests here, if I am honored with the nomination and election I shall be found working for measures which I believe to be for the interest of the state as a whole and DeSoto county in particular.

With honesty of purpose "equal rights to all and special privileges to none" I solicit the votes of my friends and the people of DeSoto county regardless of section or community. Very respectfully, W. H. HOOKER.

For County Commissioner Dist. No. 4.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for county commissioner for district No. 4, subject to the action of the Democratic Primaries. If elected, to perform the duties of the office in a strictly impartial manner and for the good of the whole people as I see it. D. S. WILLIAMS.

I have decided after consulting with my friends and fellow citizens to announce myself a candidate for County Commissioner for District No. 4, subject to the action of the Democratic Primaries. If elected to this office, to discharge the duties of the same to the best of my ability, soliciting the support of my fellow citizens. I remain Yours to push and serve. JOHN L. LIVINGSTON.