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## LOOKS LIKE THE PEOPLE WILL ORGANIZE SENATE

### MAJORITY WAITS CANDI- DATE AGAINST HARRIS.

Two Days' Hard Work by  
Friends of the Friend of the  
Interest Fail to Break Phalanx  
of Friends of the  
Masses.

Those who elected the members of the Florida Senate will get an organization that will reflect the wishes of the people instead of one that will look with favor on the desires of special interests.

This is how it looks now. It might merit the boomlet for the Presidency of the upper House of W. Hunt Harris, the debonaire Senator from Key West, went dancing over a torpid political sea Saturday afternoon.

No fear of squalls seemed to trouble the minds of the pilot, Senator Shep Clark, and his trusty deckhand Jimmie Edwards, as they sailed onward into the gloaming of Easter Eve with sixteen votes (as they said) in the hold of the good ship.

Doped into fanciful dreams, Plior Clark slipped from the wheel and deckhand Edwards, in the same condition, neglected to hang out the side-lights on the corporation craft, with the result that Sunday she drifted into collision with the stout tug of the People and some of the votes so carefully stored away in the former were lost beyond recovery.

Saturday afternoon Senator Harris arrived, and immediately after Senator Clark got busy in the campaign to elevate the gentleman from the Twenty-fourth District to the Presidency of the Senate.

With Clark as colonel commanding and Edwards as first private, the fighting to and fro began, while at the same time an orphan rumor found voice that Dr. Theop West, who had been announced as a candidate for the Presidency, had said he did not want it. That he wanted Mr. Harris to have the job and he would be satisfied with the honor of President pro tem.

As the rumor made the rounds those who were opposed to Mr. Harris were distressed.

Not that they were opposed to Mr. Harris on personal grounds. Oh, no, for he is a pleasant, companionable gentleman who easily makes friends. But because of the interests he represents; the corporations who stand behind him, he is opposed.

Mention was made of the illness of Senator Newlan, and whether a proxy given by him could vote in the caucus of Monday night. T. J. Appleyard was asked for information and stated that he knew of a case where a proxy had voted in a caucus, whereupon Senator Harris said he knew of another such event. Then Senator Shep Clark remarked that he had sent a communication to Senator Newlan and that he (Shep) would have his proxy Sunday morning. Shep allowed no doubt to linger with him about getting this proxy. He said he would have it.

Then happy in the thought of the nineteen votes so happily secured, or it may have been twenty, counting the Newlan proxy as a full-fledged vote, the Harris forces went to bed.

Sunday morning, to all appearances, their sky was of the same roseate hue. The cloud was there, but they could not see it.

Being Easter of course, church was the thing and there was nothing done before dinner.

With the arrival of the afternoon trains, however, everything got brisk. The cloud that could not be seen in the morning by the Harris crowd was now visible to them and growing.

Dr. West got in and promptly killed the rumor that President pro tem was the all-day sucker he was to take from the Harris bunch.

Meanwhile other Senators had arrived and learned the status of affairs. They were opposed to Mr. Harris, not personally understand, but because of the interests he befriends, and which befriend him.

Setting to work to find out where Mr. Harris was to get his nineteen votes, Senators discovered false enumeration; that instead of that number being pledged to Mr. Harris sixteen Senators were ready and anxious to vote against him. Not against him personally, remember, but on account of the interests with which he is allied.

Then it was the turn of the Harris supporters to be filled with distressed feeling, that the declaration of Dr. West that he would not be a candidate, failed to slay.

The organization in voting strength was perfected, but the candidate was lacking—a circumstance not often found in politics.

Thus it happened when the friends of Senator Harris retired last night

the banner had shifted to the other camp, not from any dislike to the genial Senator from Key West, but solely on account of the interests in whose behalf he labors, and who work to help him.

With these conditions still existing, and sixteen votes in opposition to Mr. Harris today—not because he would not make an affable, cheerful presiding officer, but just because the discomfiture of his corporation friends is the object of the fight against him—should Dr. West persist in his attitude not to take the Presidency, then a dark horse may be looked for as the choice of the people.

Present indications are that this seed of nightly hus snawors to the name of John Henderson, with the entitlement of Senator from the Eighth.

In pursuance of this plan it is quite likely to happen that the sixteen votes opposing Senator Harris will constitute a majority, as the sixteen Senators who are in that frame of mind are not likely to permit the introduction of the proxy of Senator Newlan, should it be obtained, that they may be deadlocked.

Thus the situation stands. The corporations may dictate, but it sometimes happens, as in the present case, the people may have sufficient strength to defeat the object of financial interest.

This is unfortunate for Mr. Harris, who is such a happy, likeable man, but it is not at him personally that the opposition is aimed, but the interest alignment in which he is placed.

If in the event, that a candidate is not found available by the Senators who object to being presided over by one who has the corporation consent to direct his movements, then it is not a matter for despair by the people, as they would still be a control of legislation in the Senate—having not only the sixteen who are now counted in direct opposition, but two or three more who were pledged to support Mr. Harris, but who do not affiliate with the interests that he desires to serve.

### A. J. PETTIGREW, SOCIALIST, MANATEE.

Socialist and sociable fellow is A. J. Pettigrew, Representative from Manatee county, who arrived yesterday, and proceeded to make himself familiar with the town where he will spend the next two months in the hope that he will be able to advance the interests of the people by his advocacy of pure democracy.



A. J. Pettigrew.

Mr. Pettigrew is imbued with the belief of the good to be accomplished by direct legislation, otherwise known as the initiative and referendum, and will work toward the enactment of a law of that nature in this State.

Such method of expressing the popular will of the people has been tried with great success in other countries, notably in Switzerland and New Zealand, and Mr. Pettigrew holds the opinion that it would likewise prove of benefit here.

**Apron Sale Tuesday.**  
The Kings' Daughters will hold an Apron Sale in the court house yard Tuesday, April 2, from 3 to 6 o'clock in the afternoon.

Aprons of every description, from the daintiest fancy aprons to the most substantial work aprons for housekeepers, nurses and servants, will be on sale.

During the afternoon cakes of every home-made candies will also be on sale.

The Kings' Daughters are foremost in charitable undertakings, their special charge being the maintenance of the hospital, and caring for the sick and poor, and it is hoped that this sale will be liberally patronized by the citizens of Tallahassee.

## SECRETARY OF SENATE

### CONTEST BETWEEN AP- PLEYARD AND FINLEY.

Much Interest in the Race for  
the Important Position—Ap-  
pleyard's Fine Record—Fin-  
ley a Former Secretary.

Much interest is attached to the contest for the position of secretary of the Senate between Thomas J. Appleyard and Chas. A. Finley, both of Lake City.

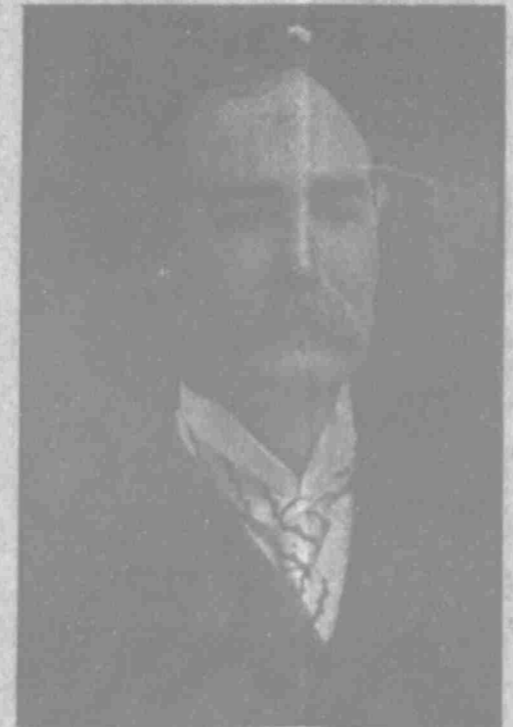


T. J. Appleyard.

Mr. Appleyard has been secretary of the Senate for six terms, during which time he has made an excellent record, both for the ability with which he has performed the duties of the position, as well as his accurate journals the Senate has kept during his incumbency of the office.

If his record as secretary is considered in the caucus tonight he will doubtless have a good vote.

Mr. Appleyard, who is a veteran of the Confederate navy, is editor of the Lake City Index, and secretary of the Florida Press Association.



Chas. A. Finley.

Mr. Finley, who is a son of the late Gen. J. J. Finley, has held the secretaryship of the Senate before, serving in that capacity during the sessions of 1891 and 1893.

Col. Fred L. Robertson, for several seasons bill secretary of the Senate, has two opponents who want the job—C. O. Andrews, who was enrolling clerk of the Senate last session, and former State Senator B. F. Kirk. All three have friends who are working for them, but Col. Robertson has a good lead, owing to his long service in that place.

J. O. Culpeper has no opposition for re-election as assistant secretary of the Senate, but Nat Marion, who wants to be reading clerk again, has an opponent in Mr. Fox, of Orange county.

Two candidates for sergeant-at-arms of the Senate are in the field, Wm. H. Micklar, of St. Augustine, and W. J. Smith, of Monticello.

A caucus of the holdover Senators was held last night to confer on the matter of attaches. That is a portion of the holdovers held a caucus—those who had not in caucus at adjournment last session, some not being present at that time, nor were they last night.

**No More Faro in Arizona.**  
Phoenix, Ariz., March 31.—Tomorrow marks the passing of public gambling in Arizona, the law making the running of a gambling game a felony going into effect April 1. A similar law has been enacted in New Mexico and will become operative the first of next year.

## GREENE AND GAYNOR IN U. S. COURT OF APPEALS

### EUGENE MATTHEWS FOR SPEAKER.

S. D. Clarke Slated for Chair-  
man of House Judiciary  
Committee.

The preliminary organization of the House is dull and placid. Not a ripple has stirred the calm with which the candidacy of E. S. Matthews for Speaker has been received.

To be sure Representative MacWilliams, of St. Johns county, has said something about his being a candidate for the Speaker's chair, but nobody has paid much attention to it, and in fact MacWilliams himself has failed to show any interest on his own hook.

No reason appears, therefore, why Mr. Matthews should not be nominated in caucus tonight without dissent.

As a consequence of this easy slide into the Speakership it is quite probable that when Mr. Matthews reads the slate preparatory to naming his committee he will find thereon the name of S. D. Clarke, of Monticello, for the chairmanship of the Judiciary committee.

In this mention it is worthy of statement that the chairman of the Judiciary committee in each House occupied the most important position in the organization of the Legislature.

A dearth of candidates for positions of attaches in the House is notable. Only that of messenger thus far, with the exception, of course, of pages, is there a contest for. Nine candidates are in the race.

J. G. Kellum, chief clerk of the House during the session of 1905, has no opposition, neither has his assistant, A. C. Stephens.

The other positions are quite apt to be filled as before, with Geo. B. Dickinson as bill clerk; Nat R. Walker, reading clerk; G. J. Stauder, assistant reading clerk; A. S. York, enrolling clerk; B. F. Olmstead, enrolling clerk; W. K. Jackson, recording clerk; E. G. Hawkins, sergeant-at-arms.

### WILL TRY AGAIN TO GET FREE.

Famous Case of Contractors  
Who Defrauded the Govern-  
ment on Work in Savannah  
Harbor—Were Sentenced to  
Four Years in Prison and to  
Pay a Fine of \$575,000.

New Orleans, La., March 31.—The long drawn out case of John F. Gaynor and Benjamin D. Greene, who were convicted of conspiracy with ex-Captain Oberlin M. Carter in the Savannah harbor improvement frauds, will be called for argument here tomorrow before the United States Circuit Court of Appeals.

The case of Greene and Gaynor has now been pending for more than seven years in one form or another, involving arguments before judicial bodies in the United States, Canada and England.

After the original indictment had been found in Savannah in 1899 there followed about two years of preliminary examination in New York. Then following a brief hearing in Savannah, they were for more than three years fugitives in Canada while the United States government carried their cases to the privy council in England before finally securing their extradition.

In January, 1906, their trial began in Savannah, nearly five years after they had been first taken there for trial. They were declared guilty last April on charges of conspiracy, embezzlement and presenting false claims.

Convictions were secured on the claim that they conspired to defraud the United States government by inducing acceptance of their bids at a higher cost than conditions warranted on contract work in Savannah harbor. They were sentenced to four years' imprisonment each, and to pay a fine of \$575,000, which equals the entire amount paid them by the government for the Savannah work.

They are now in jail in Macon pending the result of the present appeal.

## The Visiting Legion

Labor legislation is to have its innings at the forthcoming session. That is, it will have if its field representative can make it so, and as he is a hard worker and with experience in that line, it is quite evident that S. J.

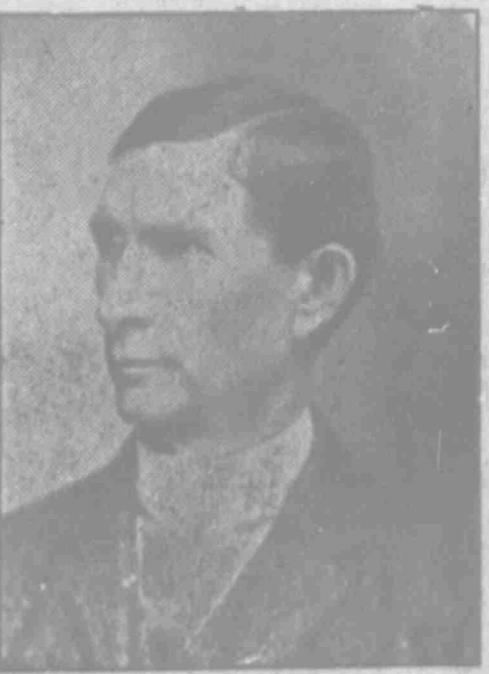
the position of reading clerk in the House. This is a place Mr. Walker has filled very acceptably in the past, and indeed he is known as one of the most competent readers who ever dived through the sections of a dreary bill.

Col. Nat was reading clerk of the Democratic National Convention of 1896, in Chicago, when W. J. Bryan was first nominated for the Presidency. During that strenuous period he was the subject of many cartoons as a "free silver crank." Some of these cartoons he has preserved, among them being one appearing in the New York World, the subject being the body of a horse with the head of Bryan, while on the back of the animal were James K. Jones, chairman of the convention; behind him other lights of the Democratic party, Col. Nat occupying the best seat near the tail, and depicted by the cartoonist in the wild garb of a cowboy, while the inscription read: "And last came Nat R. Walker, Boss Cracker of Florida."

That was the time of the noted long and short man hold-ups in the streets of Chicago. Many pedestrians had been robbed of their valuables by this couple, and as Col. Nat was going to his room at night they focused their attentions upon him. Only for a brief moment, however. Two long revolvers, that accompanied Col. Nat from Waukula county were in his hands quickly pointing in the direction from which danger threatened. A brief look at the gleaming weapons and the long man and the short man suddenly remembered engagements elsewhere.

Major Healey, "round and rowy," arrived Sunday afternoon and immediately proceeded to let his geniality flow in unending stream. The Major has not disclosed the particular business that brings him here at this time; but his willingness to give instruction in legislation will probably soon show upon what line he is working. No need this session for the Major to aid in electing a presiding officer of either House, but his former achievements of this kind covered him with glory if not gold.

John M. Caldwell, editor of the Jasper News, one of the oldest newspaper men in point of service in the State, is here looking on at the organization of the Legislature. Mr. Caldwell speaks of his being present at this gathering as one of recreation, but to an acquaintance who asked him what he was doing, or trying to do, the (Continued on Third Page.)



S. J. Triplett.

Triplett, of Jacksonville, will cause some restless hours to those who offer opposition to the measures he will advocate.

Like his great namesake, Stonewall Jackson, he is skilled at outflanking his opponents, and with the courage of his convictions, will show no hesitancy attacking forces outnumbering him.

Chief among the measures Mr. Triplett will urge for adoption by the Legislature is a bill prohibiting child labor in this State. This is a question that has been taken up before in this State, but without the energy that will be used this year to enact a law covering the subject.

Mr. Triplett has devoted much time to study of anti-child labor laws of other States, notably the weak points that have in some cases tended to render the laws inoperative.

The movement against child labor is becoming national, and to this circumstance may be counted for the bill the support that public sentiment will give.

Hon. Nat R. Walker, of Crawfordsville, one of the best known men in the State, is in town, a candidate for